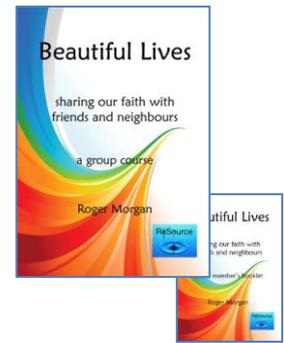


BEAUTIFUL LIVES

Sharing our faith with friends and neighbours

by Roger Morgan (published by ReSource 2010, reprinted 2012)



'Beauty of life causes strangers to join our ranks. We do not talk about great things; we live them' – Minucius Felix, 160-240 AD.

Beautiful Lives is a popular group course which helps church members develop the confidence to share their faith naturally and effectively with friends, family, colleagues and neighbours. 1 Peter 3.2-4 speaks of the beauty and reverence which should characterise our lives as Christians, and we believe that it is beautiful lives, lived in the power of the Holy Spirit, which lead others to faith.

Beautiful Lives is contained in a Leader's Manual, with a separate group member's booklet containing notes and simple homework exercises. It consists of 8 sessions, offered in a user friendly format with plenty of interaction and discussion, and points towards an accessible, locally planned invitation event to be held after the completion of the course.

What do those who have used *Beautiful Lives* say about it?

- 'It changed the way I looked at people and engaged me differently with the world around me. I have become so much more aware of the possibilities of allowing God to be more clearly present in our interactions.'
- 'Meeting with the others was encouraging, comforting and certainly strengthening for my belief. I found a new courage to stand up and be counted.'
- 'A response I didn't quite expect from a casual acquaintance. She expressed an interest and shared her experience of God and church with me. Quite a surprise really!'
- 'Much deeper fellowship. Much more willing and able to pray with and for each other. Great experience!'
- 'Personally – the pleasure of leading the group! The chance to deepen relationships in my new parish – the growing awareness of their deep spiritual hunger.'

Beautiful Lives can be previewed and ordered from The Mathetes Trust website. It costs £30 for a pack of 1 Leader's Manual and 10 course member's booklets. Manual and course books are also available separately. Training and support is available to group leaders through The Mathetes Trust – please contact us to find out more. We are also able to help with outreach events and with missions.

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Related publications:

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The God Who is There – a three part group discipleship course. The first volume, *Beyond Ourselves*, is designed for use with those exploring faith or new to faith.

Stay Evangelism – a short booklet to encourage and equip individuals to share their faith. Full of real life stories and examples, it makes good supplementary reading for those following *Beautiful Lives*.



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