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Embedding - Luke Knight

Psalm 24.1-2

1. Why does this practice exist?

- *Jesus (John 1.14, John 3.16)*
- *In the life of Jesus God worked from the inside out for the rescue and renewal of creation.*

2. How has the Church historically explored this practice?

- *Invitation (John 16.7, John 17.15)*
- *Humanity is invited to be renewed and to then join in with renewing work. A Christian belongs to God and belongs in the world, living to help live an eternal reality in present life.*
- *The Church has practiced this to some degree but has at times “sat on hold” waiting for heaven. We pray with Jesus that God’s kingdom comes to “earth as it is in heaven” through the life of the Church. Both realities can be held together - a final renewal doesn’t negate our renewing work today; we will be held accountable for our renewing work today in the face of eternity.*

3. How can we explore this practice today?

- *Starting small, embracing the diversity of the Church body, finding our way in to renewing work as we’re uniquely called. The possibilities are endless.*
- *For more, listen to the discussion with Courtney Bridge on the Podcast.*

Further Resources:

- *Community and Growth*, Jean Vanier.
- *Freedom of Simplicity*, Richard Foster.
- *The Gospel Comes with a House Key*, Rosaria Butterfield.
- *Liturgy of the Ordinary*, Trish Harrison Warren.
- *The Art of Neighbouring*, John Ortberg.
- *When Helping Hurts*, Steve Corbett
- Discover scriptural environmental resources, ideas, inroads through A Rocha Canada (<https://arocha.ca>). "Transforming people and places by showing God's love for all creation."
- Follow Courtney Bridge for simple ideas on Instagram for sustainable living @pursingfelicity