

## *Multigenerational Material for 27 January 2008*

This material is designed for use with all ages to work with in connection with the reading from Matthew's Gospel:

Matthew 4:10-23

The theme of the presentation will look at People being called by name, being called to be the people God has called them and made them to be:

*The material should be used with the whole Church gathered together, but it can be used in children's and youth groups separate from the gathered worship. The questions would then be used when the groups return.*

People are to form groups with their neighbours.

In those groups people should exchange names.

Do people know why they have their particular name, or what their name means?

Someone can have name book and look at what names mean.

Some can be shared.

People could then either, design a shield or a flower.

They should write their name in the centre of the flower or on one of the banners of the shield

They then represent the meaning of their name, their skills and talents in the shield or in the petals. It can be better if people ask others to help them identify their qualities.

We are highlighting here people's individuality and their names, the people they are and the name by which God calls them.

Further discussion could also be on:

In days gone by people's names reflected what they did, for example: Ethelred the Unready, Baker, Johnson, etc.

What would you be called if you earned your name?

What would your "Christian" name be if it reflected your faith and belief?

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