



See what great love the Father has lavished on us that we should be called children of God And that is what we are.....1 John 3 verse 1a

Hi, my name is Angela Taylor.

Saved and baptised at the age of 27, my testimony, to put it very succinctly, is one of growing to know and walk in the truth of 'Who He (God) is and Whose I am'!

I am delighted to be the 'new-be' at Reality Youth Project; I bring almost 30 years of youth work experience in both church based and secular settings. It's such a joy to share with you how Matt and I re-connected to bring together the Lords vision for teenage boys and girls to know and walk with Him more deeply....

From Vision into 'Reality'...

At the end of 2017 Matt and I had the privilege of rolling out the first training sessions of 'Authentic Discipleship' to a small group of enthusiastic and passionate members of Kirby Muxloe Free Church in Leicestershire.



Here's how we got to that point.....

In September 2016 I attended a mental health awareness day that Reality Youth Project were hosting; (I'd known Matt and the team since 2012 as we'd participated in several 'Ncounters' with my youth group). Fresh out of studying for a three year degree; Matt asked what I was now up to.. Thinking that finishing my studies would make my future plans clearer, I experienced many doors being closed and felt very uncertain and perplexed about what God seemed to be doing, or not doing... so, we casually arranged to meet up for a cuppa and a chat in a few weeks time...

'Do not dig up in doubt what you planted in faith'

The Lord has always brought young broken teenage girls into my life, however it was through my more recent church based work that I and my fellow youth worker; Shirl found ourselves getting alongside girls who were desperately struggling with re-occurring issues like; anxiety, suicidal thoughts, self-harm, depression and poor self-image and self-esteem. Inspired by the Holy Spirit myself and a small team hosted a day called 'Lavish' (in 2012); based on the scripture from 1 John 3: 1a. Lavish was a safe space and fun-time for the girls (aged 11-18) who had given their lives to follow Jesus, to experience, through beauty treatments, and to hear the 'truth' about their true identity, bought for them at the cross by Jesus.

....For such a time as this (Esther 4 v 14)

Matt and I eventually met up again in January 2017. The interim months had proved personally challenging for me; but unbeknown to both of us, the Lords plans and timing, which always prevail proved to be perfect! Matt shared his passion for boys to grow into men of God through a six week course called '**ManMade**', which concludes with a 'coming of age day'. And I brought 'Lavish'; my hearts' desire to see girls grow to know what it means to live as beloved daughters of God.

In the pursuing months the Lord led me to put together a six week interactive, reflective course on the incredible story of Esther; which includes engaging fun activities and discussions about relevant hot topics like; what is love? beauty? courage?

'**Esther - Lifting off the Labels**', is a time and space for girls to think about and explore the negative labels they believe about themselves which may come from a variety of sources like; social media, advertising, peer groups, family, friends, magazines, etc, etc.....the impact of which can be huge. This then leads into a 'Lavish' day; which is an opportunity to choose to reverse and exchange the lies for God's truth.



To build on and encourage the young people to grow and walk in God's truth Matt formulated a discipleship program, designed to follow on from the courses and the 'coming of age' and 'Lavish' days. In September 2017 'Authentic Discipleship' was born and launched!

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