

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN SHREWSBURY – LENT COURSE 2019**  
**Results from Group members Evaluation Forms**

**Background information:**

- The 'York Courses' – "**Daring to see God now**" was used
- Invitations to join the course went out to every church in Shrewsbury
- Numbers participating resulted in a total of 6 Groups – 3 morning; 1 afternoon & 2 evening.
- Total number of 53 participants (including hosts & leaders) ( *7 more than 2018*)
- By denomination there were: **15** Methodists; **22** Church of England; **12** United Reformed; **3** Roman Catholic; **1** Independent
- Participants came from 10 (12 in 2018) different individual Shrewsbury churches.
- By individual church these were:  
**9** from Belle Vue Methodist; **2** from Christchurch BH (C of E); **6** from Bayston Hill Methodist; **14** from St Chads (C of E); **12** from United Reformed ; **3** from RC Cathedral; **1** from Emmanuel (C of E); **1** from Shrewsbury Evangelical; **3** from St Giles (C of E; **2** from Oxon. (C of E).
- 2 of the 6 groups were led by Methodists; 3 by Cof E 1 by URC
- Evaluation form completion response rate: 56%

1. *How did you hear about the Lent Group Course?*  
Church Noticeboard – 62%; Told by Friend - 10%; Other - 21%
2. *Describe how you felt about the course material **after** completing course?*  
Excellent – 31%; Good – 48%; Helpful – 24%; Stimulating – 21%; Thought-provoking – 24%; Disappointing – 7%
3. *Describe your experience of the group 'conversation' sessions over the 5 weeks of the course:*  
Thought-provoking – 76%; Interesting - 76%; Challenging – 34%; Helpful – 34%; Disappointing – 3%)
4. *Was there enough participation by members of the group in each "conversation"?*  
Yes, good – 72%; Adequate – 31%; Limited – 7%; too much by some – 0%
5. *If your group facilitator included additional material or information was this...*  
Useful – 66%; Essential – 0%; Informative – 40%; Helpful – 33%; Interesting – 33%;
6. *Describe what you found most valuable about the course/your group discussions ?*  
93% of participants in survey offered positive comments
7. *Describe what you enjoyed least about the course/your group discussions?*  
34% of participants in survey offered critical comments but half of these were that the course finished too quickly!
8. *Overall, how did you find the 5 week course on "On the Third Day"....*  
Excellent – 24%; Interesting – 53%; Informative – 48%; Helpful – 41%; Satisfactory – 10%; Disappointing – 7%
9. *Would you want to join a similar course again next year?*  
Yes – 93%; No – 7%; Possibly – 0%
10. *Would you want to join a different type of course next year?*  
Yes – 8%; No – 56%; Possibly – 28%
11. *Would you recommend an ecumenical lent group like this to friends or others in your church?*  
Yes – 89%; No – 4%; Possibly - 7%
12. *Any other comments, constructive criticisms or suggestions ?*  
69% of participants in survey offered additional comments. 76% of these comments were positive; 24% of the comments were critical