



Fame – (Konect Series)

Welcome (10 mins)

- Compile a top 5 of what makes you happy and unhappy. Share what you have put.
- Has anyone ever met anyone famous? Who? Where? why?!
- Which famous person would you most like to meet?
- If you were famous for 15 minutes, what would you want to be famous for?

Worship (20 mins)

- Make a top 10 of God's qualities.
- Write a short news report as if Jesus was in the news...
- Using the letters 'f.a.m.e.' come up with as many qualities as you can think of that God has beginning with these letters! (e.g. fun; affectionate; marvellous; eternal...)

Word (40 mins)

*(Select a few sections rather than doing it all; those marked * are the best in my view and would work well done together)*

Cut out pictures of famous people from magazines...choose a mixture. Include some people who are not as famous. Number each of the pictures. Photocopy the sheets. Give people 3 minutes to name as many famous faces as they can.

1. Was there anyone who shouldn't have been on the sheet?
2. What makes someone famous?
3. Who is the most famous person in your school?

*Give each group a picture of a famous person.

1. Why are they famous?
2. How did they become famous?
3. Why are they better known than other people who may do a similar job?
4. Do they deserve their fame?
5. How have they changed other people's lives?

Bible-heroes: (get into different groups)

1. Joshua (Joshua ch.6, focus on v.27)
2. David (1 Chronicles 14, focus on v.17)
3. Solomon (1 Kings 4.29-34, ch.10)
 - Why is this person famous?



- How do they use their fame?
- What happens to them?

NB: there was no Internet or media in those days and much less travel so fame came through word of mouth.

Compare the reasons for fame of these bible folk with the geezers from the magazines.

*Read Hebrews ch.11 – these are the people that are celebrated for their faith. They are not famous in the world's eyes but God calls them his heroes. Which is more important – a photo-shoot in *HELLO* magazine or a 'welcome and well-done' from the creator of the universe?!

Which of these characters (Heb. Ch.11) most inspires you? What would you want to learn from them? (you could perhaps look at these peoples stories in more depth)

Have an ink pad ready – now get people to roll their thumb in the ink pad and make a mark on a big sheet of paper – ask people the question: 'What do you want to be remembered for?' - get people to write next to their thumb print.

Witness (20 mins)

Pray over the pictures of famous people e.g. the royal family, famous pop stars etc. that these people will know Jesus' love and that His purposes are what count!

Also: think through as a group how you can thank /affirm /celebrate the people who help, inspire and serve them (parents, leaders, friends, teachers...) – the 'unsung' heroes who will probably never be famous but are real heroes in God's eyes.

Notes