

# Perth Newsletter

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As services and church halls are not operating normally, it would be helpful if this update could be circulated to officebearers, home groups, prayer groups, etc. Thank you !

## UPDATE + OFFER

With the restrictions on pubs, etc. Street Pastors are operating in the early evening and sometimes during the day.

### WHAT ARE SPs IN SCOTLAND FINDING?

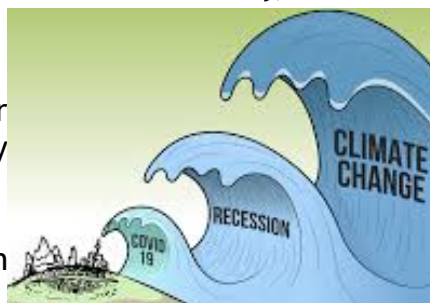
With some of the normal “props of life” removed or shaky, there are many who are bewildered and depressed.

It makes you wonder what its all for!

The bottom has fallen out of my life

With the economic consequences of Covid-19 showing in job insecurity and businesses going to the wall, disillusionment appears in various ways, e.g. an increase in domestic violence, mental health issues, and the emerging of underlying fractures in society, local and global.

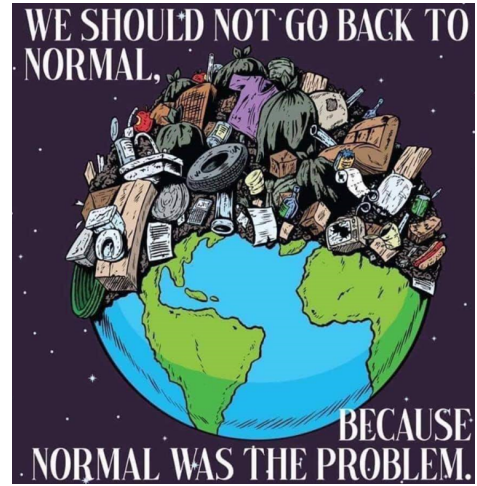
The consumerist worldview of secular materialism, already under question by climate change, has been directly shaken by Covid-19



Many hardened against the Christian faith look on it as quaintly irrelevant, not seeing beyond failures of the church or its building.

In the parable of sower and seed (Mark 4) the first soil was hardened as a path. Like a plough opening up the soil, Covid-19

has revealed dissatisfaction with a materialist worldview, opening up its hardness to be more receptive to consider a different world view.



“Sir, we would see Jesus” was the request of folk from abroad to the disciples. It may not be put in these words, but many look for a secure identity, meaningful relationships and a dynamic hope for individuals, society and a world with no persecution or hunger.

In this fast changing scenario and uncertainty for the future, that is what Jesus offers!

Street Pastors seek to be available to God to show and share this transforming love of Jesus. We really value prayer, and welcome folk to come as observers e.g. to see if they manage an shift shorter than the night shift.

**OFFER**

We also welcome anyone to join a session training on Wed 4 Nov on sharing the Good News. To arrange either contact [ggloudos@aol.com](mailto:ggloudos@aol.com) asap.

But the folk whom SPs meet are the same shop assistants, professionals, tradesmen that all Christians meet 24/7. Church buildings may be closed or in restricted use, but the focus needs to be on Jesus!

Lives with the radiant love and certain hope of Jesus embedded in them attract people to consider Jesus. “Be ready to give a reason for the hope that is in you with sensitivity”

**This is the glorious privilege and responsibility of all Christians**

