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## The Jesus School;learning by doing

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**The Jesus School Pt. Pirie and Gulf cities,SA, January 2016**

### Participant Jo Cook reports:

So the camp was the 11th of January to the 19<sup>th</sup>. Starting at Pt. Pirie with teaching and outreach into the community in the afternoons and some free time. The last four days were purely for praying and outreach in the towns of Pt Pirie, Pt. Augusta and Whyalla.

**First, the teaching:** The teaching was on Jesus being the truth about God, and the truth about us. Our identity not any more in the practices of the old self, now dead but now found in Christ, through the fact that we have the spirit dwelling in us.

We now have Jesus' righteousness, and everything that comes with having Jesus life applied to us resulting with God now seeing us as his sons, holy, blameless and pure, the perfect place for his Spirit to go into.

This then flowed into how we should not just find our identity in being a "sinner saved by grace" but that we are now "sinners saved by grace, and then made saints". If we still fell into a sin, this is not where we find our identity, but when Christians are convicted of sin in their lives, it's not only a conviction of sin itself, but a conviction of who we are in Christ, and that this should lead us to a righteous life.

**Doing it:** There were also more 'nuts and bolts' type talks, like on witnessing in the street, This focused on showing people the love of God through kind acts e.g. paying for random people's fuel/groceries/whatever they needed at the time, asking if they would accept prayer for troubles in their life or for physical healing and then using these acts as an 'in' to talk to them about their need for God as saviour and as the guiding influence in every area of their lives. A demonstration of God's goodness leading us to repentance.

We then hit the streets full time in each of the towns to put what we had learned into practice, praying for a time beforehand for the towns, and also asking God for words or visions about who he would like us to talk to specifically, (which was a new thing for me).

Out on the street was an exciting time, with God healing lots of people, one lady asked for healing for a headache, but instead her sight and hearing was restored! Many people came to Christ, about 50 in all, and seeds sown in many more, and in Port Augusta we went to the (Hopenet) Uniting church on Sunday so we had an opportunity to see new believers come to church for the first time! Very humbling to be used in this way, God must have been working long before we rolled up on the scene!

And a lot more anecdotes!

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