



## Autumn 19: Why are you a follower of Jesus Christ? Sue Owst

Watch the video of Sue Owst in conversation with Glen which can be found in the NLBC YouTube playlist *Lifegroup series autumn 2019: why are you a follower of Jesus Christ?* <https://youtu.be/TwSDmjdZ-4>.

1. Sue talks about the fear she had to overcome in giving her life to Jesus and how the smallest things can sometimes get in the way of the biggest decisions.
  - Fear is a barrier for a lot of people when it comes to saying yes to the Lord. What helped you to overcome your fears and what fears have you still to overcome?
  - God clearly pursued Sue until her big decision day on 15<sup>th</sup> February 1970. There are lots of examples of this kind of Godly pursuit in the Bible. Pick one and discuss e.g. Jonah, Apostle Paul...
2. Going to Bible college for a year was a very important factor in Sue's development as a Christian.
  - Seeing God at work in other people's lives helped her own faith-journey. Talk about how taking part in mission has helped your own faith to grow.

- Cliff College also helped Sue gain a big picture understanding of the Bible and gain a robust Christian worldview. How can we help the people of New Life do the same? Where are the gaps in your knowledge?
3. Sue refers to how difficult it is in today's culture to stand up as a follower of Jesus in the workplace. The witness of her actions however as a Christian clearly gives her the opportunity to then talk to people about her faith.
    - Talk about how you go about this in your own workplaces.
    - Take some time to encourage and pray for each other in your witness at work or in the neighbourhood.
  4. Lastly, Sue is still a follower of Jesus because she is absolutely convinced that God is the creator of everything.
    - What about people who are absolutely convinced there is no creator and no meaning to our existence? How can we discuss and learn from each other without falling out?

### Book suggestions for reading and passing on...

- **Unbelievable** by Justin Brierley (Also worth watching and recommending the 'Unbelievable' website and podcasts).
- **Confronting Christianity** by Rebecca McLaughlin.