

Square Mile - a natural successor to Hope08

Square Mile is an Evangelical Alliance initiative in association with Community Mission. Square Mile has been developed to be a natural successor to Hope08, in helping the church continue to develop a 'word & deed' approach to mission.

Square Mile approaches integral mission as having four 'dimensions':

- M**ercy: demonstrating God's compassion to the poor
- I**nfluence: being salt and light in the public life of the community
- L**ife Discipleship: equipping Christians for missional living as workers & neighbours
- E**vangelism: faithful and relevant communication of the gospel

Last month they launched three resources to help people develop this four dimensional approach:

- A 4 week **DVD-based course** (£15) designed for small groups and developed in partnership with Community Mission. Each course sessions involves:
 - Scripture, deciphered in the group and by theological experts, including Bishop Tom Wright, Elaine Storkey and Tim Keller
 - Footage of actual projects around the UK
 - Motivation from well-known practitioners - Shane Claiborne, Jim Wallis, Mark Greene and J John.
 - Downloadable worksheets to complement each session



- A **journal**, which contains daily readings and activities covering the period of a month, complementing the DVD course.

- A **website** – www.eauk.org/squaremile - which profiles mission resources, events, stories and networks in each of the MILE categories, across the spectrum of evangelicalism. The website includes videos and other resources to help you:
 - Learn about four-dimensional mission and be challenged in your thinking
 - Connect with a diverse range of organisations and networks which exist to help you and your church
 - Discover resources to equip you in mission
 - Be inspired by stories of grassroots Christians making an impact.

Many churches and small groups across the UK will take up the challenge of Square Mile this **September**.