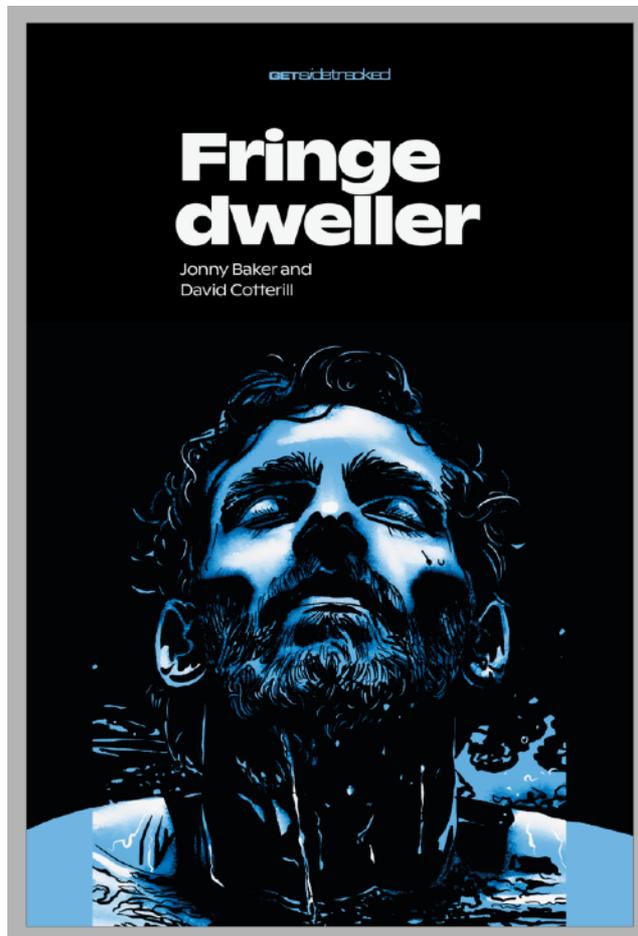


# Be A Host for Fringe Dweller

Fringe Dweller is a collection of forty reflections based on encounters of Jesus with people at the fringes, as recorded in the gospels. Each reflection has a response of a practice and a liturgy. There are twenty original illustrations throughout. It is an invitation to encounter the person of Jesus Christ afresh through scriptures and in prayer as your own story, life and call dialogues with Jesus' life.

We are planning a tour in Britain to present and run events on Fringe Dweller. I hope this will be a chance to inspire and encourage people through looking afresh at the person of Jesus Christ through this fresh lens of fringe dwelling. Do get in touch if you are interested in hosting. We can tailor the event to fit your context and setting so if you have creative ideas other than what we have suggested below then we'd love to hear them. It would be fun if we can make it work. We intend to work with Fringe Dweller over the next 3 years so there is plenty of opportunity to plan ahead.



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## **Event possibilities**

The book is ideal for personal use, for groups and for those preaching or curating worship. So it lends itself to a whole range of kinds of events or contribution to events. There are participative ways of reading the Scriptures in the practices in the book. An event would not simply be up front teaching but engaging with one or two of the Scriptures together, facilitating conversation through that and creative responses to the passages. We imagine either doing a daytime workshop or an evening presentation. We have listed several ideas below. The reflections cover different parts of Jesus' life so some tie in to particular seasons of the church year or lectionary readings.

### **Day Workshop**

We could run an hour, a half day or day workshop. This could be for a group of ministers, youth workers, pioneers, those in training.

### **Evening Presentation**

We could run a one and a half hour evening event which would include a mix of presentation, exploration of one passage and response to it.

### **Reflective devotions at a conference or festival**

The material lends itself really well to a 'worship and word' slot at a conference or festival helping people engage with a passage and respond creatively to it.

### **Teaching or presenting at a conference or festival**

We'd love to present as part of a conference or festival

### **Preaching or Sermon slot**

Because the material is based on a scripture passage with a reflection it lends itself to a sermon slot. We'd love to work creatively with that so the service could incorporate a liturgical response. Several of the reflections originated through developing sermon content.

### **Retreat**

We'd love to lead retreat days where one or two passages are explored with creative responses. We have led retreats with the material and that works really well.

### **Conversation over a meal**

We love meeting groups over a meal. We could introduce the material around the courses of a meal. There are at least five reflections that relate to meals so it would be easy to select an appropriate passage. It could incorporate communion into the meal if that was desirable.

## **Course**

The book lends itself to courses. We have put one together for lent for example. It could also be a sermon series. We would be happy to come and contribute to a series in that way or help you shape it.

## **And...**

While we are around we are also very happy to be used by you to chat with a key group or network of pioneers or missionaries, or to meet with any key stakeholders in your area for conversations about mission, pioneering, training, hubs, partnerships, strategy if that is useful.

## **Organising**

We will create a web page that has tour dates and events that we will promote nationally. This will be <https://www.getsidetracked.co/tour/> You will organise the event manage registrations and bookings and so on however you like. We will simply link to your page or contact details. It will be your responsibility to promote the event locally and draw a crowd, to deal with the practical things like venue and registering people and so on. We can give you an image for a flyer or if you need help, design something for you that you could use for emails, social media and so on.

Depending on the event and availability you may wish to have Jonny, David or just one of us.

We will need travel costs to be covered and hopefully you could also feed us and depending on how far from home, find someone we can stay with. If we can link dates together in areas of the country that will help reduce the cost. We would then want to have a stall to sell Fringe Dweller books. If you are charging for the event, we would welcome a fee but are not expecting that. We are largely doing this to try and encourage people to engage with Jesus the Fringe dweller, promote the book and get out and about to meet people.

When?

We are open to dates any time in 2026-2028 so you have time to plan ahead. We thought that might be particularly helpful for conferences or festivals.

## **Get in touch**

If you are interested in hosting or would like to discuss it please get in touch  
Thank you!

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