

## Space Man Sketch : Where is your treasure? © 14/10/03 MDay

**Standard entrance** (Comperes responds to banging on the door) *That must be Pod.* (Spaceman enters)

Hello everyone

***Hello Pod. It great to see you again***

Don't give me that; don't give me all that flannel. What do you think you are playing at!

***I don't know what you mean. What's the matter Pod?***

Are you trying to wind me up by keep moving around? Or have you just started another new church?

***Oh I see... I suppose you didn't know that we'd started meeting in this room.***

You suppose right, you suppose... Can't you just settle in one place? Sometimes you meet in the big hall, sometimes in that room back there... and now you've set up in this... this wide corridor.

***Well we're not doing it to be awkward Pod; it's just that it's getting a bit cramped in there*** (looking to the rose room)

Well I can tell you it's not cramped in there now! It's completely empty... there's me doing my ta-ra! And expecting my customary standing ovation, and ... no one. I felt a real chump. I thought that maybe everyone had stayed at home to watch a rugby match or something.

***Well I'm sorry if we've embarrassed you, Pod.***

OK then. I'm prepared to put it behind me. In fact I think I'm getting back into my stride now. Yes I am... so I expect you are wondering why I'm here?

***Yes Pod, so what is your question this time?***

Woah-woah, hold on to your pony there girly. What the hurry Mrs Schumacher?... as it happens I have got a question... But that's not why I'm here. I have been especially invited!

***OK Pod, why have you been especially invited... this time?***

I'll have you know that none other than Pastor Rashbrook has invited me. I have come to congratulate you. 'Cause... (singing) "It's your birthday, it's your birthday, so party like it's your birthday".

***Yes, that's right; the church must be about two years old now.***

Too true. You are to be congratulated... although, I must say, you haven't achieved much have you.

***What do you mean, Pod?***

Well I mean, you haven't even got your own building yet have you. All you seem to have done is to move from one room to another.

***You just seem to be looking on the surface, Pod. A lot has been going on. God has been teaching us some very important lessons about living from his strength rather than our old survival habits. And we are already much fitter and better prepared for what He has planned for us next: ...And we're growing too! We're twice the number than we started. Even the children are bigger than they were two years ago.***

No! These are never the same ones you started with? They are bigger!

***Yes, we have grown bigger and stronger and wiser. I fact we were about to see some photos to remind us of some of the things that have happened in the past year. Would you like to stay and watch?***

Oh yes, I would like that very much... Roll VT!

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Wow you've been having some fun at the same time!

***We've found there isn't much that isn't fun in church.***

But one thing puzzles me...

***I think there's a question coming on...***

You haven't got a building, like a lot of other churches... so where is all the money going? Where have you hidden all your riches?

***Well we have got money saved, to help pay for the chapel down the road when it comes available again, and we've bought a few gadgets to help us do services, but our real riches are in our people.***

Sounds like you've all been swallowing the money!

(oblivious) ***Because these people have, what no amount of money can buy. God has invested his Holy Spirit in every one of these who have accepted the life of Jesus into their life. So we invest in each other too.***

What do you mean by invest in each other, how does that work then?

***Well that's what the "community" means in Brookwood Community Church. Our desire is to help each other, to value each other, rely on each other, and to love each other. And then to share that with people on the outside, too.***

Why bother with people on the outside?

***It's what Jesus taught us to do, and he gave the example of himself. Because he gave up his life so that each one of us can have life and relationship with God. Just like He did.***

Well I must say, it makes you all sound rather important.

***We are. That's were our real treasure is, we are each like a treasure chest, or as the Bible puts it, "Treasure in jars of clay"***

Wow, you're sitting on a Goldmine then!

***No, we are the goldmines***

Well, I've learn something new on this trip, that you value each other more than anything else, because Jesus did first, buy trading his life for each of yours. Well good buy, happy anniversary, and keep on growing!

***Goodbye Pod***