

Home Group notes for the week following Sunday 8th February 2015

EDUCATION SUNDAY

As we Gather

Throughout His ministry Jesus knew and revealed His awareness of and sensitivity to the vulnerability of those whom He encountered. For Him the concept of wholeness was paramount. He knew that fear / illness / brokenness in any one of the human dimensions of body, mind and spirit would adversely affect the other two.

As Teacher and Healer, by meeting the individuals where they were spiritually, mentally and emotionally, Jesus created a safe space in which healing and development could take place (physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual).

Reading Scripture MARK 1 : 29 – 39

Thinking Together

Throughout His ministry of reconciliation, Jesus taught by word and example [John 3:1-15 Mark1:22-23 and Mark 1:40-42], as He revealed the very nature of God [John14:6-11] to a lost and broken people [Malachi 3:6-7 and Mark 1:38-39]

How was Jesus able to teach ‘as one who had authority’? Discuss

Why was prayer such an important part of Jesus’ life? Discuss (Mark 1:35)

Jesus recognised the needs of everyone, and the crowds flocked to Him because they wanted something from Him (Mark1:33 & 36-37)

When you approach God in prayer, what is your attitude / purpose? Discuss

In His teaching Jesus always dealt with the whole being. For many to whom He spoke the body was viewed as an obstacle to worship, but He knew that for His followers, worship comprises total commitment [Mark 16:15-18 John 14:15-18 + 26]

Jesus still teaches and heals today – how does He do this? Discuss

How can your daily life become an act of worship? Discuss [Romans 12:1-2]

The Christian message is one that all disciples are called upon to tell out. To that end everyone is equipped for the specific task / service called upon to perform.

In the same way that the synagogue was (and still is?) the centre of Jewish community life, so the church is (or should be) the centre of Christian community worship, teaching and service / outreach.

God shares His authority with His servants [Matthew 28:18-20]

How does your church promote wholeness? Discuss
[Malachi 2:7 and Acts 6:1-7]

In Closing

The Holy Spirit is the very presence of God within all believers, helping us to live as God wants and building Christ's Church on earth.

We are never more like Jesus than when we are sharing the good news and serving

How does the Holy Spirit empower you each day?

PRAYER

Merciful Lord, Your word brings healing and life.

Cleanse us from our sins that we may serve you with a quiet mind;
for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God,
in glory everlasting. Amen