

Home Group notes for the week following 5th August 2018

LIVING WITH JESUS

AS WE GATHER

Relationship with God is founded on and sustained by acknowledging and owning our sin; by accepting Jesus into our lives as Saviour and Redeemer; and yielding to Him as Lord and Master.

READING SCRIPTURE JOHN 6:24-35 [optional readings 2 Samuel 11:26 – 12:13a
Psalm 51:1-12 Ephesians 4:1-16]

THINKING TOGETHER

Many people use religion for physical / social gain, but true believers walk with Jesus because they know He has the truth and that His is the way to live

How would / does asking 'What would Jesus do?' influence your relationship

- **With Jesus? Discuss**
- **With others? Discuss** [optional reading Ephesians 4:4-7]

Jesus knew the crowds following Him on this occasion wanted the food, but not the truth He gave them (John 6:26-28). The one thing / work God desires from us is faith. Pleasing God does not come from what we do, but from what we believe (John 6:29 Matthew 16:16).

Faith that is based on truth is real faith and in His reply to the people, Jesus tried to deepen their understanding of the truth. He used two key words – 'come' and 'believe' (John 6:35) [optional reading Ephesians 2:8-9]

How does believing in Jesus bring us into a right relationship with God? Discuss (John 6:30-33) [optional reading 2 Corinthians 1:21-22]

How do people who do not know Jesus try to fill their inner emptiness / restlessness / hunger for truth, life, and love?

Wiersbe writes 'To come to Jesus means to believe on Him, and to believe on Him means to come to Him'. Believing is not merely an intellectual / mental activity. It means to come and to yield yourself to Him. Yielding to Jesus means we live with Him as our focus in all we do, say and think; knowing Him, and giving Him trust, obedience, and love [optional reading Isaiah 55:1-3a]

What does this mean in your life? Discuss

IN CLOSING

Chapter 6, verse 35 contains the first of seven 'I AM' statements recorded by John. When Jesus used the 'I AM', He was claiming to be God. He offers us a new relationship with God – life in time and life in eternity.

How can you sustain and deepen your spiritual life?

PRAYER

Gracious Father, your Son Jesus Christ came from heaven to be the true bread. Evermore give us this bread, that He may live in us and we in Him – now and for ever Amen