

Home Group notes for the week following Sunday 14th May 2017

ROOTED IN CHRIST – Following His Way

As we Gather

If we are able in our darkest hours to believe that there is a purpose to life, then somehow the unbearable becomes bearable, and in the darkness there is a glimmer of light (Job 23:10-12).

Reading Scripture Acts 7:55-60 Psalm 31:1-5 + 17-18 1 Peter 2:2-10 John 14:1-14

Thinking Together

In times of great distress / stress, depending upon God requires trust and obedience based on our knowledge of, and love for, Him. The words of Jesus tell us that for the Christian heaven is where He, Jesus is (John 14:1-3).

**How do you react if someone hurts you because of what you believe? Discuss
(Acts 7:60 Hebrews 4:12-16)**

**Are you able to commit every fibre of your being into the hands of Jesus? Discuss
(Psalm 31:5 Luke 23:46 Acts 7:59)**

It has been said that the way to eternal life is as secure as your trust in Jesus (John 14:6 Psalm 27:13
Psalm 31:2-4 Revelation 21:12-13 + 16-17)

What does this statement mean to you? Discuss

**Why did Jesus say He is the only way to God the Father? Discuss (John 14:4-6 see also
Deuteronomy 5:32-33 Isaiah 35:8 Psalm 27:11)**

The Jews believed that if they were to see God they would die; the Greeks believed in the invisible God; but Jesus said that to see Him is to see God (John 14:7-11)

What do you think He meant by this? Discuss

How and where can we see Jesus today? Discuss (Hebrews 13)

What does it mean to know God? Discuss

How do we get to know God better? Discuss

We, as followers of Jesus, have the privilege of prayer; and John tells us that Jesus made some tremendous promises to His disciples about prayer that meets God's conditions (John 14:12-14)

**What did Jesus mean by this statement? Discuss
(1Corinthians 12:4-11 + 27-28 Mark 16:20 Philippians 2:13 James 5:13-16)**

Faith and works go together because faith releases the power of God in a believer's life

How have you experienced this? Discuss

Both love and obedience are part of effective prayer put into practice (Philippians 4:4-7).
If we ask the Father what Jesus would ask, this pleases Him and brings Him glory by furthering His work (1John 5:13-15)

How do we know what Jesus would ask the Father? Discuss (Acts 9:8-10)

In Closing

Jesus has given His followers the most costly of gifts. He has brought God's heart of love to believers and given us life in abundance on earth and an eternity in the Father's presence.

How does this knowledge make you feel?

PRAYER

Eternal God,

Your Son, Jesus Christ is the way, the truth and the life of all creation;

grant us grace to walk in His way, rejoice in His truth, and share His risen life.

Amen