

Life Group Notes – w/c Sunday 9th January 2011

[NB. The discussion part of this section of the evening should last no more than about 30 minutes. Also, the notes below are by no means meant to be prescriptive. Please feel free to adapt or ignore them as best fits the group you are a part of – don't feel you need to cover every question!!]

Key Passage: Acts 2:36-47

On Sunday we continued to think about what faith challenges God is setting before us at the start of a new year. I spoke on baptism and prayer – 2 of the faith challenges highlighted in the passage above.

Below are 3 options – feel free to choose just the one or to go for a combination of all three!

Option 1

Use the questions that I've shared at the end of my preach on both of the last 2 Sundays (see below) as the basis for helping those in the group to think through and share what God is saying to them at present.

1. How open are you to God changing your thoughts and plans?
2. In what ways will you let God disrupt your diary or set routine in 2011?
3. Is it Jesus you need and want or do you still think you need or want something else??
4. How far will you go in your pursuit of Jesus and what are you willing to sacrifice or leave behind in the process?

Option 2

Spend the large part of your time together in prayer.

Option 3

Discuss each of the following questions...

1. Why do you think Peter insists in Acts 2 that those who responded to the gospel message he'd just preached be baptised?
2. How important do you think it is for those who profess to be Christians to be baptised?
3. How should we as a church devote ourselves to praying together?
4. And in what ways has prayer changed you?

Trust this is helpful,

Colin