

Life changing habits for positive change

#Living the Story

“Don’t just read it – LIVE IT”

In our current series we are looking at James 1:19-25. This week we are concentrating on how we measure the faith that we proclaim– as James suggests, we cannot simply hear it but instead we must put it into action. DOING – PART 1

The word of God is living and active because it is the story of Christ and is therefore God breathed. James at the time was challenging the Jewish Christians to return to the truth – to test their faith and their actions in the story that they knew.

“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect” – Romans 12:2

Prayers

- For church members who are unwell and/or who can no longer attend.
- For the Lunch Club and all who attend
- For opportunities to share the gospel in the community, home & work lives
- For Tom, Malcolm’s Nephew who is recovering from a car accident
- For David and Moya as they recover from medical procedures
- For Amy, Ben and their families
- For Merkel’s friends Angela with eye complications and Sonia with cancer
- For the rising amount of children facing difficulties with mental health
- For Karen and family as they mourn the loss of her Nan
- For open doors/opportunities to serve/help our community
- For the NHS
- For the church and it’s people
- For missionaries and the ways that they serve and bring the Gospel to others

Today’s Service

- Bible Reading – (SERIES)

James 1:19-25

- Songs

- ❖ Take my life and let it be
- ❖ Draw me close
- ❖ Change my heart
- ❖ The power of Your love
- ❖ Thy word is a lamp (theme song)

REFLECTION

1. Are you engaging with scripture on a regular basis?
2. In what ways do you engage with scripture and how often?
3. What do you believe the impact could be on your life if you engaged with the bible more?
4. As the church is part of the Baptist Union – we believe in the Authority of Scripture because it is the story of Christ – would you say that scripture holds the same priority in your life?
5. Is there anything that you feel has changed for you in the story since you first gave your life to Christ?
6. Spend time living the story this week – as you engage with the Word of God

Notices

Sunday 28th January 2018

- Next Lunch club will be on **29th January 2018**
- Please continue to support our emergency food parcel cupboard by bringing in some things off the list in the foyer when you can
Thursday morning prayer meeting **9.30am – 10.30am** (once a month date will be arranged)
- Wednesday bible study is now postponed until a later date
- Would you like to be a part of a prayer triplet? Please take time to prayerfully consider how this could be beneficial to you and to others in the church.
- Next Strategy Meeting – **6 February 2018 at 7.30PM**

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- **Flower Rota - 4 February – Jackie**
 - **Prayer - 4 February – Malcolm**
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Prayer for the Week

I will not forget
Your love for me and yet,
My heart forever is wandering.
Jesus be my guide,
And hold me to your side,
And I will love you to the end.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path.
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path.
You're the light unto my path.

Father God,

I'm so thankful that You gave up Your one and Only Son for me so that I could be forgiven and to be able to have a personal relationship with You.

Lord, I know there are many times when I have wanted to go deeper with You but have not come to you in prayer or in Your word. Sometimes this is because I don't make the time, sometimes this is because it challenges my thinking and my actions and sometimes because I find it hard to understand.

As I move forward on my journey with You Lord, I pray that from this day, You will help me to not only know You on the surface but instead to honour You and to seek Your heart and Your will in the word of Your truth – Lord, I pray that you would help me to engage in Your Word more and that the Holy Spirit would help to understand and follow You with all my heart.

In Jesus' Name

Amen

