

Life changing habits for positive change

#The Mirror

“The mirror reveals an ever-changing heart as it comes closer to God”

In the final segment of James 1:19-25. This week we are pulling it all together as we focus on THE MIRROR.

A mirror is a true reflection of what it is seeing in front of it. There are no holds barred and nothing to hide from. James says that we can look into a mirror and by the time we have walked away from it – we will forget what we even saw as we were standing there. The Word of God is like a mirror into our lives that reveals the heart. It gets to the heart of the matter for the purpose of drawing us closer to God in order to become Christ-like.

“For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.”

– Hebrews 4:12

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 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 and for the way forward
- 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**

- ❖ Amazing Love
- ❖ More love, More power
- ❖ Lord, I lift Your name on high
- ❖ I could sing of Your love forever
- ❖ Thy word is a lamp (theme song)



REFLECTION

1. What have been your experiences with a mirror?
2. When it comes to God’s Word – would you say that you are the path, the rocky ground, the thorns or the good soil and why?
3. What do you find difficult about engaging with God’s Word?
4. In what ways do you hope to go deeper into God’s Word from today?
5. Perhaps take some time this week to spend in front of the mirror and ask the Lord to reveal His heart to you in and through His Word

Notices

Sunday 11th February 2018

- Next Lunch club will be on **12th February 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 to 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.
- Kelly will be away from **19-25 February - Helen and Debbie will be your first point of contact.**

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- **Flower Rota** - 18 February – Kelly Wellman
 - **Prayer** - 18 February – Kelly Wellman
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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.
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You're the light unto my path.

Prayer for the Week

Father God,

I thank you that You are a God of love and that you love me in spite of myself. Your mercies are so rich and gracious in my life and your faithfulness is truly reflected in the goodness that I receive from You daily

If there is one thing I could ask of You Lord, it is that for the sake of the Gospel, for the sake of others coming to know You – Your love and grace, help me I pray to be a reflection of your grace and truth – help me to live out the ways and means you are showing me in Your Word so that I can truly live in Your freedom and be a light in the world.

In Jesus' Name

Amen

