

JESUS SAID WHAT?

A deeper understanding of what Jesus really meant

#Jesus FIRST “A call to respond”

As we enter into the season of Lent, we will be reflecting on the sayings of Jesus and what they really meant. In our first session we will be looking at DISCIPLESHIP

It is quite difficult to understand why Jesus would have said – “***If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life***”. Hate is a very strong word and one that Jesus chose to use ‘figuratively’ in order to highlight the priority required to follow Him as a disciple and before we respond to the true call of discipleship we must take time to count the cost in order to be able to finish what we have started.

“More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope” – Romans 5:3-4

REFLECTION

Take time this week to reflect on your spiritual journey so far

1. Have you truly committed to the call of discipleship on your life?
2. What are the things that the Lord may be asking you to let go of?
3. What are your weaknesses and strengths?
4. Are you feeling worn out and weary by the cost of discipleship?
5. Does your desire to be perfect get in the way of ‘making disciples’?

To deny ourselves, to pick up our cross and to follow Him is a journey that is for the long haul but this means it is to become a way of life – daily.

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 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 open doors/opportunities to serve/help our community
- For the NHS and emergency services
- For the church, it’s people and for the way forward
- For Merkel and Charles
- For missionaries and the ways in which they serve and share the Gospel with others
- Give thanks for Malcolm’s nephews great recovery
- Give thanks that many are taking action to save the environment
- Give thanks for the rain in Cape Town

Today’s Service

- Bible Reading

Luke 14:26

- **Songs**

- ❖ The Servant King
- ❖ Great is Thy faithfulness
- ❖ How great is our God
- ❖ Restore O Lord
- ❖ Turn your eyes upon Jesus (theme song)

Notices

Sunday 18th February 2018

- Next Lunch club will be on **26th 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.
- **Next Church Meeting – Sunday 18th March after the service**
- **Next Deacons Meeting – 13th March at 7PM**
- Kelly will be away from **19-25 February** - **Helen and Debbie will be your first point of contact.**
- **QUESTIONNAIRES DEADLINE – Sunday 4 March**

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- **Flower Rota - 25 February – Mary**
 - **Prayer - 25 February – Mike**
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Prayer for the Week

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely
dim,
In the light of His glory and grace.

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Transformed

If we had a fraction of the faith in you that you have in us then this world would be transformed, Lord.

If we showed a fraction of the love that you show to us then this world would be transformed, Lord

If we possessed a fraction of the patience that you display with us then this world would be transformed, Lord.

If we shared just a portion of the blessings that we have received from you then this world would be transformed, Lord.

If we showed as much trust in others as you have shown in us then this world would be transformed, Lord.

If we claimed just a fraction of the power you promised to your Church then this world would be transformed, Lord.

Transform us first, Lord, that we might transform this world through your love and your power

AMEN

Notes

Theme Song

Turn your eyes upon Jesus

O soul, are you weary and troubled?

No light in the darkness you see?

There's light for a look at the Saviour,

And life more abundant and free.

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,

Look full in His wonderful face,

And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,

In the light of His glory and grace.

His Word shall not fail you, He promised;

Believe Him and all will be well;

Then go to a world that is dying,

His perfect salvation to tell!

***“And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them,
“If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take
up his cross and follow me” – Mark 8:34***