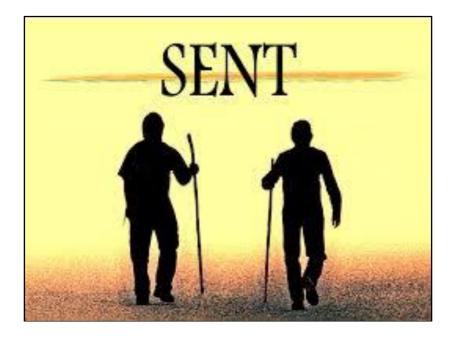
All Saints', Booval BIBLE STUDY NOTES APRIL



Please remember we don't have to have all the answers ourselves, that's the great thing about being in a study group.

Leaders, if there appear to be too many questions for a particular week, please ask the group which ones they would like to discuss.

BIBLE STUDY: Sunday 16-4-23 'As the Father has sent Me, so I am sending you.'

Gospel: John 20:19-31. Read the Gospel together.

Open: Have you ever felt the need to make sure you have locked your door?

Dig:

- 1. Why are the disciples fearful now?
- 2. Of all the things Jesus must have said, why does John record 'peace be with you' three times (vv 19,21,26)? How does this relate to their fears? To being sent (v21)?
- 3. Read John 14:4-6 and 20:24-29. How does Jesus deal with Thomas' doubt? What is significant about the way Thomas responds?
- 4. What does (v21) 'I am sending you', mean? Being sent to do what? How are you/your church fulfilling this Commission? What could be implemented to better equip people at your church 'to be sent'?
- 5. Read Matthew 28:18-20. What is Jesus' role in this Commission? Ours?
- 6. Why is John 20:22 crucial to remember in being sent? Do you/your church rely on the Holy Spirit or sometimes do things with your own strength?
- 7. Re-read verse 31: What is the author's purpose for writing this Gospel? How might this be related to being sent?

Reflect:

- 1. How do you need to hear Jesus peace in your life today: In a relationship? In some inner fear? In your work? In your church? Share a verse that has bought comfort to you (e.g. Matthew 28:20b).
- 2. With what doubts or questions about God are you struggling? Brainstorm what might be helpful in dealing with doubts.
- 3. What has convinced you about who Jesus is?
- 4. What might you do this year with the Holy Spirit's help, to fulfill 'being sent' to proclaim the Gospel?

Pray:

- For each other and any needs for inner peace.
- Your role in being sent as well as that of your church.

BIBLE STUDY Sunday 23-4-23 'Jesus walks beside us on our journey.'

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35. Read the Gospel together.

Open: Have you ever had a time when you felt you would just like to get away from things? Where might you imagine going?

Dig:

- 1. Why were the disciples feeling downcast (v17-24)?
- 2. What hopes of theirs are dashed? How do they react to the 'stranger'?
- 3. What do you think of Christ's comment in verse 25? Reflect on Jesus' instructions to the disciples in Mark 8:31-33; 9:30-32; 10:32-37. How do the disciples react?
- 4. Brainstorm (using a Commentary or a reliable 'Google' website), what passages from Old Testament prophecy and law might 'the stranger' have discussed with them in verses 25-27. Do you feel confident using scripture when sharing about Jesus with others? What could you/your church do to enhance this?
- 5. Why might Jesus have done this rather than revealing His identity immediately (vv25-27)?
- 6. How does the time at dinner open their eyes? Why do you think? Share any scriptures that come to mind.
- 7. Why was there a special appearance to Simon (Peter)?

Reflect:

- 1. What has helped you recognise Jesus walking beside you when you are feeling anxious or troubled about things?
- 2. Where is your 'Road to Emmaus' the place where Jesus surprised you recently? What happened?
- **3.** How well do you think you could explain the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus and how a person can have a relationship with Him?
- **4.** If time: Brainstorm what important elements need to be included in evangelism. (We will begin to explore this topic and the role of the Holy Spirit next Sunday the 30th).

Pray:

- For needs within the group or people who are known to you.
- For enthusiasm and empowerment at All Saints to share the Gospel.

BIBLE STUDY Sunday 30-4-23 - 'Sent' Sermon on Heaven/Sin/God

Read together: John 14:1-6, Revelation 21:2-4 and Matthew 5:48.

Memory Verses: (Try to learn some).

Heaven: And God himself will be with them. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Death

shall be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more.... Rev 21:3b-4. (NRSV)

Perfection: You therefore must be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect. Matthew 5:48 (ESV) **God is loving and just:** I, [God], act with steadfast love, justice, and righteousness. Jeremiah 9:24 (NRSV)

Open: What do you think Heaven will be like? What do you expect to see and do there?

Dig: John 14:1-6; Revelation 21:2-4; Matthew 5:48; Rom 3:23

- 1. Read John 13:36; 14:5; 14:8; 14:22. What problems are the disciples struggling with?
- 2. What comfort does Jesus offer his disciples in John 14:1-6?
- 3. What stands out most to you in Revelation 21:2-4? What do you most look forward to in heaven? Who are the citizens?
- 4. Read Matthew 5:20. What do you think righteousness means?
- 5. Share Matthew 5:48 in your own words.
- 6. Briefly, in a couple of sentences, describe how sin entered the world and what are its consequences (Genesis 3:1-23).
- 7. Read Romans 3:23. Who has sinned? What does 'sin' in this verse encompass? Give examples.
- 8. Read the following verses in the group. Jeremiah 9:24; 2 Peter 3:9; Isaiah 59:2 and Ezekiel 18:32. What do they say about God's mercy and justice?

Reflect:

- 1. Why does the study of Heaven/Sin/God present a big problem for humankind?
- 2. In light of verse John 14:6 what would you say to someone that says there are many ways to God?

Close in prayer

Memory verses are a wonderful tool for telling others about God.

Please learn as many as you can.

Good news! Next week we will look at Christ's role in God's plan of salvation.