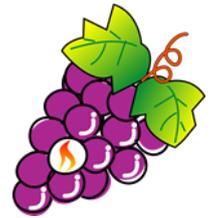




LIFE GROUP PLANNING

Week of 5th June 2022



Aim of session:

What might God want to say to the group?
What is the purpose of the gift of the Holy Spirit?
What does it mean to be a Living Sacrifice?

Key Scriptures

If you have access to a commentary read some background to get context.

The Bible Project is a good starting point.

<https://bibleproject.com/>

Romans 12:1-8

Warm Up

What would be in your ideal house/home?

Would you like to design it yourself?

What would you do if the builders got it wrong?

Would you put up with it or have it changed?

Thinking it through: Main discussion/activity

What are the surprising things in the passage? What is new? What don't you really understand? This could be a time to discuss and share reflections and ideas on the passage or watch a Bible project type video that helps explain things.

In the OT, the people of God were supposed to be the light to the world. Now Paul is setting out a vision of how the kingdom of God should be; The Church as a light to the world, pointing to Jesus.

1. When the Holy Spirit was given at Pentecost, what was the purpose or plan behind it?
2. What does the Holy Spirit reveal to the world? How does He do this?
3. If the world is a building site, what is the role of the 'show home'? How does this relate to the Church? How does it point to the future?

Growing in discipleship: Practical application

4. What does it mean to be a living sacrifice?
5. How can we commit to the community of VBC?
6. From the passage, why is diversity an essential in any church community?
7. How can VBC be more inclusive?
8. What do you consider your gifting to be? Have you found opportunity to use it to build the kingdom?
9. How do we stop ourselves becoming self-righteous and proud in our service to the Church?



Try to leave 15-20 mins to talk about prayer needs of the group and to pray.

We want to encourage the development of prayer, to help everyone grow in confidence in praying. There are many creative ways of praying together: writing prayers, using candles as a focus, reading prayers or praying for each other in pairs.