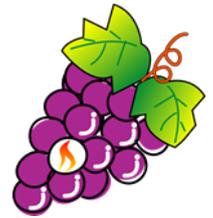




LIFE GROUP PLANNING

Week Beginning 8th May 2022



Aim of session:

What might God want to say to the group?
How is God transforming you? How is he transforming the Church?
How is he transforming the world?

Key Scriptures

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

Luke 19:1-9

Romans 12:1-21

Matthew 5:13-16

Warm Up

If you are old enough, think back 40 years (1982) What has changed in the world? What is different in your life?

Is it you or the world that has changed?

Was the world better or worse in 1982?

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.

1. Read Luke 19:1-9. Why were some people upset at Jesus' choice of venue for tea?
2. In what ways does Jesus transform Zacchaeus?
3. Read Romans 12:1-21 What do you think v2 means for you?
4. Romans 12 is like a manifesto for the Church. Can you see evidence of the chapter in the "Church"?
5. Read Matthew 5:13-16. Why do you think Jesus used these two examples to demonstrate how the Church can impact the world?

Growing in discipleship: Practical application

6. How Has Jesus transformed your own life? Can you give a testimony?
7. Why not write a modern manifesto for the Church based on Romans 12 . Can you bullet point 10 things the Church / Christians should be?
8. What parts of Romans 12 do you need to apply to your life?
9. Where can you practically be salt and light to others?
10. What happens if there is too much salt or light? How can we apply this to our ministry/life?



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.