

Community Group Notes from Sunday 8th February

“In”

True Greatness - John 13:1-11

Melanie spoke on Sunday about true greatness and she began by talking about 3 people who had influenced her life: her mum, a teacher and her area manager. Share with one another 3 people who have influenced your life. Try to tell one another what it is or was about that person that influenced you.

Jesus bent down low and washed the disciples' feet. The gospel in essence is that the King of kings bent down low to make clean a people for God. What blows you away about the gospel? What amazes you about Jesus and his actions?

In the story Peter found it hard to accept that Jesus would wash his feet, after hearing Jesus' reasons he then went on to tell Jesus to wash all of him. Peter suffered with pride and self will. Is there anything that Jesus is trying to do in your life right now that you are resisting? Share with one another (it might be worth breaking down into smaller groups for this and confessing and praying for one another - remember to repent of any sin and receive God's forgiveness). Is there anything in your life that Jesus is speaking to you about but that you are putting restrictions or conditions on?

Going deeper....

Why not try reading CJ Mahaney's excellent little book entitled Humility: True Greatness, which looks at the example of Jesus in humility as the one we should follow. A challenging and thought provoking read,

“Out”

Bit of news... on Sunday morning we saw a woman healed from a sore throat, a young guy healed of something wrong with his right eye, a young girl with back and shoulder pain that left, a guy who was visiting responded to a word of knowledge and experienced God in the midst of huge depression... I believe there will be many more stories to come as it is with most healing we often don't know till days or weeks later - watch this space!!!

On Sunday morning 5 people responded to the gospel - all of them are on our alpha courses. 2 women responded for the first time and prayed their own salvation prayer and left knowing Jesus!!! 3 women responded and wanted to recommit their lives to Jesus - I do honestly believe that for all 3 as we sit and chat and work it through with them they will realize this is actually their conversion - very exciting.

My questions then for the out section for you to look in your groups are this:

1. Who are your friends and family you most want to see save?
2. What are you doing as a group to help your friends and family to get to know Christians and to get to know Jesus?
3. Who would you like to see on the next set of alpha courses next term and what do you need to do right now to get ready for that?
4. Is there anyone around who is sick who you could be praying for?

If you have any stories - big or small from Sunday morning I want to know so please email me: melaniecrane@ntlworld.com

Events Coming Up...

17th February – **No Equipped this week**

This Sunday...

We will be returning to our study of the Gospel of Mark and Peter will be explaining Jesus' teaching on marriage and divorce.