

Community Group Notes from Sunday 5th April

“In”

How do you see Jesus? Mark 11:1-11

We saw from the passage that Mark used subtle hints of Jesus as the Messiah plus the misunderstanding and confusion of the crowd to provoke his readers into asking the question “Who is this Jesus?” Was he just a prophet/good teacher or was he something more?

We also looked at the differences between an enthusiastic response to Jesus shown by the crowd and a deep committed response to Him (see below). We looked at the dangers of just responding enthusiastically to the message of the gospel without any deep commitment to lasting change in our lives.

Enthusiasm Commitment

Temporary Lasting

Shallow Deep

Out of Excitement Taken soberly

Impulse Weighed up

Fair weather All weather

Stops at difficulty Works through difficulty

Stops when it hurts Only death can stop it

Looks at the cross Carries their cross daily

Rich Young Ruler (Ch 10:17-30) Blind Bartimaeus (Ch 10:46-52)

Questions

1. How would you describe your own commitment to Jesus at this point in your life? Is there anything you would like to change about this? Discuss.
2. When you are presenting the gospel to friends and family how can you make sure they understand it is a commitment to Jesus and not a decision made out of excitement? Practice presenting the gospel to one another and help one another see what it is that promotes an enthusiastic response and what calls for commitment. Take some time with this.

“Out”

Easter is coming so why not plan to make the most of it!!!

On Good Friday grab some hot cross buns and some friends and have some fun. Text me and tell me what you got up to... 07929791382

And on Easter Sunday invite people to church – we have baptisms, the choir are joining the worship team and Peter is preaching. You never know they just might surprise you and come!!! If you need any invites we have a Come to Church invite with details about church and the web address. You can pick these up at the information point in the Charis Centre. They are useful anytime any place any where!!!

Events Coming Up...

12th April – **Easter Celebration** – 9:15 and 11:30 @ The Charis Centre

26th April - **Every Nation Lunch** – 1pm onwards @ various locations contact office for more details

9th May - **Rock n' Roll Night** – 8-11pm @ The Charis Centre

16th May – **Women's Day** – 10am – 4pm @ The Charis Centre

This Sunday...

Easter Celebration with baptisms and the choir. Don't forget to invite your friends!

