

Community Group Notes from Sunday 17th May

“In”

Mark 12. 13-17 Amazed at Him

Summary of message

The attitude of the questioners was totally inappropriate. They didn't realise that they were talking to God who is eternal, infinite, all-knowing, wise, all powerful, good, just, merciful, loving and holy. We need to beware approaching God as if we are His equal or have a right to make judgements about Him or His conduct. There is a danger of making a God of our own making which is idolatry.

The insight of Jesus

He knew their hypocrisy. The only way to relate to God is with total honesty e.g. concerning our sin that He sees anyway, concerning our walk with Him and concerning the degree to which we are in the river of His life. Ankle deep? Knee deep? Waist deep? You will never fulfil God's purpose for your life without being full of Him.

The wisdom of Jesus

Give to Caesar what's his and to God what's His. What is due to God? Not only our money and giving but more than that. Our devotion, obedience and worship. Our very selves.

Questions for groups

1. When might we be in danger of having inappropriate attitudes towards God and how can we avoid that?
2. How good are you at being honest with God?
3. How deep in the river of God are you at the moment and are you deeper in or less deep in than you were a while back? What do you want to do about this? How can you help each other?

“Out”

Get your Fun Day Group Leaders Pack out. If you don't have one text me (Melanie) - 07929791382 or call the office and I will make sure you get one on Sunday.

Over the next two weeks the most important thing we will do is get the word out there that the Fun Day is coming. So sign up for the streets you care about and pray for loads and loads of people to turn up. Decide as a group which Fun Day Give Away you are coming to. We have one on Saturday 23 May 10am or 2pm or one on Saturday 30 May 10am or 2pm. All you need to do is turn up to the Charis and we will load you up with balloons and fliers and give you a bit of training and then send you out onto the streets to Give Away all you can. These two weeks are vital and we need you – I would like 20 people at each Give Away that is easily done from a community of our size and with our kind of vision to change the town. For anymore details please call or text me – 07929791382.

See you there!!! Melanie Crane

Events Coming Up...

Saturday 23rd May - **Fun Day Give Away** 10am and 2pm @ The Charis Centre

Saturday 30th May - **Fun Day Give Away** 10 am and 2pm @ The Charis Centre

Church Together Week of Prayer - 31st May to 5th June.

Our church have been asked to cover from 1pm (lunchtime) on Wednesday 3rd June through to noon on Thursday 4th. It is important that we do our best to cover every slot. You will be committing to turn up at the prayer room in the URC Church and pray for an hour (lots of ideas provided). Please see David Clapham this Sunday to sign up.

Saturday 6th June – **FUNDAY**: 12 – 4pm @ Sworder's Field

Sunday 14th June - **Try Church with Baptisms** 6:30pm @ The Charis Centre – talk to your group and find out if anyone wants to be baptized and get their name to Melanie

This Sunday...

Oge will be continuing our series in the book of Mark.