

Community Group Notes from Sunday 7th June

“In”

Is it Time for an Eye Test? Mark 12:28-34

In Sunday's passage Jesus was asked by one of the Scribes to sum up the 613 commandments of the Law. He responded by quoting two Old Testament Scriptures.

- *'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.'* (quoted from Deuteronomy 6:4-5)
- *'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.'* (quoted from Leviticus 19:18)

Jesus identified that devotion to God with all we are was the most vital aspect of the Law but then this was closely followed by this same devotion being expressed in love for others. In Jesus' mind there was clearly an order but these two were inseparable.

We were challenged on Sunday as to whether we needed an “eye test.” Where we loving God with all we had and then was that same love expressing itself towards others or had we gotten out of focus?

Application and Questions

It would be a great opportunity either before or after the questions to spend some time worshipping and putting our focus on Jesus.

1. Take some time sharing with one another what you each most love about Jesus' character
2. Share ideas of how each of you focus on Jesus through out the week: at home, at work, with family etc
3. How is your relationship with Jesus going at the moment? (What are you reading in the Bible? How is your prayer life? What is Jesus speaking to you about this week?)
4. Is there anything you are going to do in light of this discussion?

“Out”

It was the Fun Day (A BIG THANK YOU for making it happen) last Saturday and what an afternoon we had!!! The sun came out, the people came out and the church came out. It was brilliant. Please share with one another any stories, comments, conversations that you had.

Following on from the Fun Day we have Bite Size Alpha starting on Tuesday night and Try Church on Sunday night. Please pray for lots of guests. Please pray for Jesus to seek and save the lost. Please pray for anyone you have invited to the Alpha or Try Church.

I would love to hear any stories so please email: melanie@thecommunitychurch.org.uk

Events Coming Up...

Tuesday 9 June – **Bite Size Café Alpha** 8pm at the Charis Centre – please bring along any of your friends or family who have questions and want to find out more about Jesus.

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

This Sunday...

Stuart Crane will be continuing our journey through the gospel of Mark