

Community Group Notes for Sunday 15th November 2009

“In”

DESIGNER LIFE Genesis 2.4-25

GROUP QUESTIONS

1. What struck you most in this message?
2. What hinders us from believing that God's ways and plans really are the best for our lives and acting accordingly? In other words, why do we sometimes disobey God even though it's not good for us? (remember the chocolate bar!)
3. Living God's Way is challenging whether we are single or married. Discuss what the particular challenges and opportunities are in your lives right now so that you understand each other more fully.

SUMMARY OF MESSAGE - DESIGNER LIFE

1. Man is DESIGNER MADE and so are you.
Adam was the first man. (see also Luke 3.37, 1Cor15.45, Acts 17.26, Rom5.12-14)
A literal Adam and Eve is both genetically possible and very possible under God's hand
If we don't accept a literal Adam we reject the above parts of the New Testament
2. Man is DESIGNED TO WORK v5 and v15
3. Man is DESIGNED TO CHOOSE v9 and v16 -the key to a good life is obedience
4. Man is DESIGNED FOR MARRIAGE v18-25
 - a wife is a 'helper suitable' of equal value but with a different role (God is our helper)
 - husbands need to swallow pride and accept her help
 - a husband is a suitable partner for a wife too
 - the marriage partnership is practical, emotional, intellectual, spiritual and sexual
5. Man is DESIGNED FOR SEX - a fantastic gift from God
 - God's order is 'leave' then get married ('cleave') then have sex ('one flesh')
 - God's people can have the best sex lives on earth by following the makers instructions
 - sex outside marriage produces guilt and feelings of being unclean and spoils our sex lives
 - wherever we've messed up God is ready to forgive and clean us up when we repent - this means in words and actions / lifestyle
 - God designed us and really wants the best for us, which we find by following his instructions.

“Out” by Melanie Crane

It's a busy couple of months and we want to help you make the most out of the events we have planned. Here is what we think you should do in your group this week...

Crafty Christmas and our Christmas Carol happen in December so have a **THINK** now about who to invite to what. Christmas is easy because in this nation people still like to go to church at Christmas. If you have friends with children why not invite them to Crafty Christmas or think about serving at the event – we need you! How about making a giant list now of people you want to invite to our Christmas Carol and then start praying they would say yes and come. **ASK** the right people to the right events. For any help with this ask me!!!

On Saturday 12th December we are in Jackson Square with the choir and the drama team and I would love some of you to join me and hand out Christmas Carol fliers – ask your small group and let me know if you want to join me!!!

I would love to know what you are getting up to so please text: 07929791382 or mail melanie@thecommunitychurch.org.uk

Events Coming Up...

Tuesday 24th November – **Group Leaders & Coaches Meeting** 7:45 at the Charis centre

Saturday 28th November – **Me 'n' Dad** 10-11:30 at the Charis Centre

Saturday 5th December – **Crafty Christmas** 11-2 at the Charis Centre

Saturday 12 December – **On the Streets in Jackson Square** 10-12pm in Jackson Square

This Sunday...

Peter will continue his series Designer Living based on Genesis 1-9. This week he will be looking at Ruined World Part 1 – The Fall from Genesis 3:1-13.