

Blandford and Langton Home Groups

Meeting for Week Beginning 14th July 2008

Focus At Home 'Jesus is coming back'

Matthew 24. 30-31

"They will see the Son of man coming on the clouds of the sky with power and great glory. And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other."

Welcome

Discuss around the group what your expectations of heaven are. What will it be like? What will you do there?

Worship

John 3.16 says 'For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.'

In prayer praise God for his unending love for us that resulted in Christ dying that we might be fit for Heaven.

You may want to say, sing or pray through some hymns that express God's redemptive work on the cross.

Word

Read Romans 8 verses 31-39

What s Paul's question in verse 31? What he is he suggesting through it?

Understanding verse 32 is crucial for today's living. Why?

How are the questions of verses 33-35 related and what do they say?

What might you add to verses 35, 38 and 39? i.e. Paul says 'If God is for us, who can be against us?' - When are you most likely to fear that God is not with you?

How does Paul want these truths to encourage us?

Read Revelation 7 verses 11-17

Who will number amongst those in white robes?

Reading verse 14 – how do you think they washed their robes? What did that entail?

How do you and I wash our robes?

The inference in this passage is that we are already washing our robes now; William Barclay says that there is past, present and future hope born from this passage.

What does he mean?

What is the future hope for us that is portrayed in verses 15 – 17? List them.

The whole of Christian hope is born out of the cross and resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amazing love.

Works

In the knowledge of our resurrected life for all who believe in Christ Jesus what one thing in your life could you change / do to bring others into the kingdom of God?

In your time of prayer offer that one thing up to God and dedicate yourself to it in his strength.

Focus at Home next Week;

A social evening and the end of our Home Group term.

May the Lord bless you and refresh you over the summer break.