

grace notes

Ideas and questions to help you and your small group explore further God's word for us this week

WHOLEHEARTED COMMITMENT TO CHRIST

Read Colossians 1:15-23.

1. SEEING GOD DIFFERENTLY

God, who is holy, transcendent, mysterious, spirit, can be seen in the real-life tangible person of Jesus (v15). How do you picture God in your mind's eye? What difference does it make to us that God has revealed himself as a human person? How might this affect our response when God feels distant, silent and absent?

2. SEEING THE WORLD DIFFERENTLY

Jesus is revealed as the heir and Lord of creation (vv15-17) and the Lord of redemption (vv18-20). He is the one in whom all things hold together (v17). Through Jesus, God has reconciled to himself all things (v20). This means that the whole of creation belongs to Jesus and he claims it for his own. What difference does Jesus' ownership make to the way we see the physical world, especially other people and the environment? How does God in Jesus exercise his Lordship, power and authority to redeem the world?

3. SEEING OURSELVES DIFFERENTLY

If we are committed to Christ, we bow to his Lordship over the whole world. We, as the Church, are God's people who have been reconciled to Him (vv20-22). Our role is to follow the head (v18) and live under his rule as we wait for him to come again. Paul tells the Christians to stand firm in this truth about Jesus as it is preached across the world. As we see the enormous scope of what Jesus has done and remember that he is Lord, not just a "personal saviour", how do we live in a way that recognizes his Lordship even when it isn't obvious? How are we committed to seeing God, the world, and ourselves in the light of who Jesus is?

UP
IN **OUT**

Our aim is to grow a strong and healthy church of disciples who worship God, love one another and reach out to others with the good news of Jesus for today.

WORSHIP & PRAYER

looking UP to God

Seeking God first
in everything

EVANGELISM & COMMUNITY

looking OUT to others

Being good news
as we serve.

FELLOWSHIP & CARE

looking IN to each other

Challenging & supporting
each other.



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your weekly update

Sunday 5th Sept, 2010

for St Thomas' Church

It really is great to see you!

We hope you enjoy being with us today.

At STK our aim is to worship God, love one another and reach out to others with the good news of Jesus for today. May God bless you today as you draw near to Him.

Please introduce yourself to anyone wearing an STK badge who will be pleased to help you. If you would like someone to pray with you for help, healing or a blessing, please come to the front at the end of any service.



THE HEART OF THE MATTER

RESET YOUR HEART

It's amazing that sometimes heartbeats get out of synch and clever doctors actually stop them and restart them again ... Some of our church members have had that incredible operation themselves!

What does it mean to 'reset' our hearts with God? This is always a good time of year to take stock of things, to renew our faith, to recall our vision together and to recommit ourselves to God's work through us who have our hearts set on Him.

This means fixing our eyes on Jesus and thinking of the things of heaven rather than the things of earth ... and then praying and living out the life of God's kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.

How will you 'reset' your heart with God this week?

RIDE+STRIDES

11th September

Pick up a leaflet for details



If you are new to STK, please fill in this slip, tear it off and post it in the CONTACT BOX near the front door, or hand it to someone with a badge on. We will be in touch soon to welcome you properly and find out how we can best help you to join the church family!

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