

Welcome to Bible Study 7 August 2022 – “RIGHT HERE, RIGHT NOW”

Welcome everyone to the Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

Opening Prayer Please pray together

We pray this day for the people who are here in this room, in this congregation, in our community, that they may be a courageous, compassionate, and creative.

Help us to recognise the walls around us, among us, and inside of us and help us to trust that your goodness and mercy will be waiting for us on the other side, Amen

**Q 1 We're you ever excited by treasure hunting stories as a kid?
Do you remember ever finding something that was really exciting?**

Worship   

Amazing Grace

As the deer pants

What a mighty God we serve

Word; Psalm 33.12-22

¹² Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people he chose for his inheritance.

¹³ From heaven the LORD looks down and sees all mankind;

¹⁴ from his dwelling-place he watches all who live on earth –

¹⁵ he who forms the hearts of all, who considers everything they do.

¹⁶ No king is saved by the size of his army; no warrior escapes by his great strength.

¹⁷ A horse is a vain hope for deliverance; despite all its great strength it cannot save.

¹⁸ But the eyes of the LORD are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love,

¹⁹ to deliver them from death and keep them alive in famine.

²⁰ We wait in hope for the LORD; he is our help and our shield.

²¹ In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name.

²² May your unfailing love be with us, LORD, even as we put our hope in you.

Word; Luke 12.32-40

³² ‘Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom.

³³ Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Watchfulness

³⁵ ‘Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, ³⁶ like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knock’s they can immediately open the door for him. ³⁷ It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes.

Truly I tell you, he will dress himself to serve, will make them recline at the table and will come and wait on them. ³⁸ It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the middle of the night or towards daybreak. ³⁹ But understand this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.’

Q 2 Our World is obsessed with getting more and more. Marketing uses temptation to lure us into spending money 💰 on things we don’t need. Please discuss

Q 3 The gospel reading today makes an astute connection between what we value and the values that drive us. Do you agree? (Read Luke again if needed)

Q 4 Jesus tells us that real treasure comes from God and it lasts forever and it can be found right here, right now. The challenge is to understand what real treasure is? Discuss what is the real treasure.

Works

There is a saying that said we buy things we don’t need, with money we don’t have, to impress people we don’t like. Are you slightly guilty of this, and who can we reach out to this week with it in mind?

Ending prayer Please pray together

O Lord, we pray for the families that have been separated, and pray that walls may not separate us from our humanity and compassion. Gracious God, your son, Jesus Christ, came into this world as a refugee, fleeing violence and persecution. May we see Christ’s face in the faces of those wishing for a better life for their family. May we spread our compassion and understanding of God through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, Amen.

Shalom

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