

# Welcome to Bible Study – 14th May 2023

## LIVING TRUTH

### Opening Prayer (pray together)

Lord Jesus, you are worthy of all honour and praise. Help us to love as you can and do, help us in our love to act wisely so that others will be drawn to your salvation and hope. May we build each other up and encourage each other today as we give you all the glory! In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Welcome 🙏

**Q 1 Jesus often spoke about the truth. He said that it would set us free. Why does our World dislike truth so much?**

### Worship Music 🎵

Lord the light of your love is shining  
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the holy one is here  
Jesus, I come trusting your kindness

### Word; Psalm 68:8-20

<sup>8</sup> the earth shook, the heavens poured down rain,  
before God, the One of Sinai,  
before God, the God of Israel.

<sup>9</sup> You gave abundant showers, O God; you refreshed your weary inheritance.

<sup>10</sup> Your people settled in it, and from your bounty, God, you provided for the poor.

<sup>11</sup> The Lord announces the word, and the women who proclaim it are a mighty throng:

<sup>12</sup> “Kings and armies flee in haste; the women at home divide the plunder.

<sup>13</sup> Even while you sleep among the sheep pens, the wings of my dove are sheathed with silver, its feathers with shining gold.”

<sup>14</sup> When the Almighty scattered the kings in the land, it was like snow fallen on Mount Zalmon.

<sup>15</sup> Mount Bashan, majestic mountain, Mount Bashan, rugged mountain,

<sup>16</sup> why gaze in envy, you rugged mountain, at the mountain where God chooses to reign,  
where the LORD himself will dwell forever?

<sup>17</sup> The chariots of God are tens of thousands and thousands of thousands;  
the Lord has come from Sinai into his sanctuary.

<sup>18</sup> When you ascended on high, you took many captives; you received gifts from people,  
even from the rebellious - that you, LORD God, might dwell there.

<sup>19</sup> Praise be to the Lord, to God our Saviour, who daily bears our burdens.

<sup>20</sup> Our God is a God who saves; from the Sovereign LORD comes escape from death.

**Word; John 14:15-21 Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit**

<sup>15</sup> “If you love me, keep my commands. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— <sup>17</sup> the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. <sup>18</sup> I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

<sup>19</sup> Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live.

<sup>20</sup> On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you.

<sup>21</sup> Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.”

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**Q 2 Many people with addictions have to deal with a harsh truth when it comes to beating their addictions, but are set free once they do. How do we learn to distinguish truth from comfort?**

**Q 3 What do you think the Spirit of truth looks like?**

**Q 4 Why is truth so devalued by those with agendas?**

**We see truth in relationships, in our listening and in our behaviour. Please discuss**

**Works**

This week, can we share our love of the Spirit of Truth?

**Ending Prayer** (pray together)

Dear loving Father, through the name of our Lord Jesus, we thank you for your promise that if we call upon you, you will hear and answer us, thank you for speaking to us through your word, you have revealed yourself through the Bible study today, please we ask that you continue speaking to us so that we can know your will. In Jesus’ name we pray and believe, Amen

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