

# Welcome to Bible Study – 18th June 2023

## KEEP IT SIMPLE

### Opening Prayer (please pray together)

Dearest Lord, we pray for all who are persecuted for our belief of Christ and his Cross. Help us to defend them before those who scorn the name of Jesus. Use us to provide for their needs and please strengthen us to do our small part in being a faithful witness to you, even when we are misunderstood or mocked. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer, Amen.

Welcome 🙏

**Q 1 What is your favourite story and why is it your favourite?**

### Worship Suggestions 🎵

Tell me the old, old story  
As the deer pants for the water  
This is my story, this is my song

### Word; Psalm 100 For giving grateful praise.

<sup>1</sup> Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

<sup>2</sup> Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

<sup>3</sup> Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

<sup>4</sup> Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

<sup>5</sup> For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

### Word; Matthew 9.23 to 10.8

<sup>23</sup> When Jesus entered the synagogue leader's house and saw the noisy crowd and people playing pipes, <sup>24</sup> he said, "Go away. The girl is not dead but asleep." But they laughed at him.

<sup>25</sup> After the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took the girl by the hand, and she got up. <sup>26</sup> News of this spread through all that region.

### Jesus Heals the Blind and the Mute

<sup>27</sup> As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed him, calling out, "Have mercy on us, Son of David!"

<sup>28</sup> When he had gone indoors, the blind men came to him, and he asked them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" "Yes, Lord," they replied.

<sup>29</sup> Then he touched their eyes and said, "According to your faith let it be done to you";

<sup>30</sup> and their sight was restored. Jesus warned them sternly, "See that no one knows about this." <sup>31</sup> But they went out and spread the news about him all over that region.

<sup>32</sup> While they were going out, a man who was demon-possessed and could not talk was brought to Jesus. <sup>33</sup> And when the demon was driven out, the man who had been mute spoke. The crowd was amazed and said, "Nothing like this has ever been seen in Israel."

<sup>34</sup> But the Pharisees said, "It is by the prince of demons that he drives out demons."

## **The Workers Are Few**

<sup>35</sup> Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. <sup>36</sup> When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup> Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. <sup>38</sup> Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”

## **Jesus Sends Out the Twelve**

10 Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.

<sup>2</sup> These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; <sup>3</sup> Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus;

<sup>4</sup> Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

<sup>5</sup> These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. <sup>6</sup> Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel.

<sup>7</sup> As you go, proclaim this message: ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’

<sup>8</sup> Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.

**The faith that we are taught through the teachings of Jesus Christ are our life.**

**The actions that we do for other people are greater than the words we may say.**

**Help, understanding, compassion, sharing our love, and God’s love – this is real faith, showing and acting that wonderful faith in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.**

**Q 2 Matthew gives an overview of Jesus’ ministry-teaching, proclaiming the gospel and healing. What are your favourite parts of Jesus’ ministry?**

**Q 3 Jesus doesn’t just leave us with his ministry, he now commissions us to extend this ministry. How should we do this?**

**Q 4 All of us have a story to tell and share. How do we keep it simple and inviting to those around us and those that we meet?**

## **Works**

It was once said that as Christians we are to preach the gospel always and only if necessary use words. How can we share Gods story through our own?

**Ending Prayer** (please pray together)

God, give us grace to do what pleases you in this life. Give us faith to press toward the eternal joys you have prepared for all whom you have redeemed. In the power of the Holy Spirit, we entrust our prayers and petitions into your hands, gracious Father, for the sake of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer, Amen.

## **Shalom**

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