

Welcome to Bible Study – 25th June 2023

BURSTING TO TELL

Opening Prayer (please pray together)

Holy and Almighty God, give me courage to stand for your truth when darkness gathers all around me and the forces of darkness try to shame and threaten me into silence. May my words be truthful. May my words bring you glory and proclaim Jesus' victory. May my words be spoken with power and conviction, gentleness and humility. May my words be the words you would have me speak so that those who are trapped in darkness may see your light. In the powerful name of Jesus, I pray, Amen.

Welcome 🙏

Q 1 a What does mission mean to you?

b We hear statements like he or she is on a mission, what do they mean?

Worship

Lord make me like you, Please make me like you
The Lord is my Shepherd
Amazing Grace

Word; Psalm 69

¹ Save me, O God, for the waters have come up to my neck.

² I sink in the miry depths, where there is no foothold. I have come into the deep waters; the floods engulf me.

³ I am worn out calling for help; my throat is parched. My eyes fail, looking for my God.

⁴ Those who hate me without reason outnumber the hairs of my head; many are my enemies without cause, those who seek to destroy me. I am forced to restore what I did not steal.

⁵ You, God, know my folly; my guilt is not hidden from you.

⁶ Lord, the LORD Almighty, may those who hope in you not be disgraced because of me; God of Israel, may those who seek you not be put to shame because of me.

⁷ For I endure scorn for your sake, and shame covers my face.

⁸ I am a foreigner to my own family, a stranger to my own mother's children;

⁹ for zeal for your house consumes me, and the insults of those who insult you fall on me.

¹⁰ When I weep and fast, I must endure scorn;

¹¹ when I put on sackcloth, people make sport of me.

¹² Those who sit at the gate mock me, and I am the song of the drunkards.

¹³ But I pray to you, LORD, in the time of your favour; in your great love, O God, answer me with your sure salvation.

¹⁴ Rescue me from the mire, do not let me sink; deliver me from those who hate me, from the deep waters.

¹⁵ Do not let the floodwaters engulf me or the depths swallow me up or the pit close its mouth over me.

¹⁶ Answer me, LORD, out of the goodness of your love; in your great mercy turn to me.

¹⁷ Do not hide your face from your servant; answer me quickly, for I am in trouble.

¹⁸ Come near and rescue me; deliver me because of my foes.

¹⁹ You know how I am scorned, disgraced and shamed; all my enemies are before you.

²⁰ Scorn has broken my heart and has left me helpless; I looked for sympathy, but there was none, for comforters, but I found none.

²¹ They put gall in my food and gave me vinegar for my thirst.

²² May the table set before them become a snare; may it become retribution and a trap.

²³ May their eyes be darkened so they cannot see, and their backs be bent forever.

²⁴ Pour out your wrath on them; let your fierce anger overtake them.

²⁵ May their place be deserted; let there be no one to dwell in their tents.

²⁶ For they persecute those you wound and talk about the pain of those you hurt.

²⁷ Charge them with crime upon crime; do not let them share in your salvation.

²⁸ May they be blotted out of the book of life and not be listed with the righteous.

²⁹ But as for me, afflicted and in pain — may your salvation, God, protect me.

³⁰ I will praise God's name in song and glorify him with thanksgiving.

³¹ This will please the LORD more than an ox, more than a bull with its horns and hooves.

³² The poor will see and be glad — you who seek God, may your hearts live!

³³ The LORD hears the needy and does not despise his captive people.

³⁴ Let heaven and earth praise him, the seas and all that move in them,

³⁵ for God will save Zion and rebuild the cities of Judah. Then people will settle there and possess it;

³⁶ the children of his servants will inherit it, and those who love his name will dwell there.

Word; Matthew 10:24-39

²⁴ “The student is not above the teacher, nor a servant above his master. ²⁵ It is enough for students to be like their teachers, and servants like their masters. If the head of the house has been called Beelzebul, how much more the members of his household!

²⁶ “So do not be afraid of them, for there is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. ²⁷ What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs. ²⁸ Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father's care. ³⁰ And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered.

³¹ So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

³² “Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. ³³ But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven.

³⁴ “Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵ For I have come to turn

“a man against his father,
a daughter against her mother,
a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law—
³⁶ a man’s enemies will be the members of his own household.’

³⁷ “Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. ³⁸ Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹ Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it.

Lots of things that Jesus talks to his disciples about; true teachings and us learning these truths, we do not have to be afraid, confessing the Christ, and ‘not peace but a sword’. There is a lot to take in, however we are Christians eager to learn and re-learn the teachings of God’s son Jesus Christ.

Q 2 What do you think is the true cost of discipleship?

Q 3 What is sacrificial living and how do we do it?

Q 4 How do we reignite our passion for our faith, a faith that cannot be hidden?

Works

Who can we reach out to this week? Who can we share our faith with right now?

Ending Prayer (please pray together)

Heavenly Father, we have come to you today in prayer, asking for your guidance and wisdom. Help us to stay focused and attentive as we learn and grow together. Give us the strength to stay motivated and the courage to ask questions when needed. We thank you for the opportunity to learn and grow in knowledge. May our minds be open to love and our hearts to be filled with understanding. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

Shalom Rev Darren King (ref Roots on the Web, The Message)