

Home Group Questions 21/05/23. Acts 1. 4-14; John 16.33b -17.11.

Do 'Pick & Mix' the questions as you see fit

Jan began the service by addressing the church family, informing us that we would begin the vacancy following Matthew's departure with a month of stillness, when we are asked to pray and wait on God.

- 1 How will use you use this time?
Please share any thoughts with others in the group
- 2 How are you feeling as we look to look forward to a period without an incumbent?
What is there that could be positive about this time?
- 3 Jesus had both taught the disciples how to pray and modelled a life of prayer for them.
Have you learnt or developed a structure for your prayer life?
Has anyone inspired you to be prayerful?
How would you describe your prayer life?
- 4 Would you describe yourself as a 'do-er' or a 'be-er'?
What habits have you developed/ might you develop to enable you to simply enjoy God's presence?
- 5 Jesus said '*Truly I tell you, the one who believes has eternal life*' Jn 6.47
Why do you think that faith in Christ Jesus seems to matter more to the Lord than anything we do for him?
- 6 The disciples asked '*Lord are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?*' Acts 1.6
What questions would you love the Lord to answer?
What if His answer is, as to the disciples, '*It is not for you to know*' v.7?
How might we benefit from accepting that our knowledge and understanding are limited?
- 7 Jesus prayed '*Holy Father, protect them by the power of Your name, the name You gave Me, so that they may be one as We are one*'.
Are there ways in which we could nurture our sense of unity in our church family and in our interactions with other churches?
Do you think there might be some personal cost involved in doing so?
- 8 Jesus said '*In a few days you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit*' v.5
How do you view the coming of the Holy Spirit?
Are we ready to be filled anew and equipped to be His disciples for the time before us?

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