

Small Group Notes

Date: *Week commencing Sunday 9th January 2022*

Welcome

How are you doing?

How have you seen Jesus at work in your life this week? What have you sensed Him saying to you?

Worship

Start by spending some time in worship together. If you have a worship leader(s) in the group, ask them to lead worship. Alternatively, we have compiled a couple of playlists with a range of songs for you to use during worship and ministry.

[Small Group Spotify playlist](#)

[Small Group Youtube playlist](#)

Sermon series: *Kingdom Carriers*

Talk title: *Carriers of the Spirit (Luke 4:18-19)*

Speaker: *Rob*

Bible Text: *Luke 4:18a*

1) Read Luke 4:18-19 aloud in the group
We're focussing on the first part of verse 18 today.

2) Talk summary
Take a look at the talk in 2 summary

3) Questions for application

- *For those there on Sunday, what do you remember being said? Importantly, what did Jesus say to you & how did you respond? (encourage people to share personally)*
- *What do you think it means when the Spirit of the Lord is on you? What does it mean to be anointed with the Spirit?*
- *What does it look like to be a kingdom carrier in your life - your home, workplace, college etc?*
- *When was the last time you waited on the Lord and were filled with the Holy Spirit? (perhaps take time to share experiences you have had)*

5) Prayer ministry

This week we want to create space for the Holy Spirit to come and meet with us.

Invite him - Come Holy Spirit. Encourage people to wait, don't move on. ENcourage people to share any words/pictures/ scriptures.

If particular things come up, you may want to spend time praying for one another....

The goal here is to minister in the power of the Holy Spirit, rather than intercessory prayer. We believe that the Holy Spirit is present and able to change and heal right now!

The follow the model below is based on how Jesus prayed for people. It's not a formula but a model we've found extremely helpful. As we demonstrate it, others will "catch it".

There are 3 simple steps: **ASK – PRAY - ASK**

- i) **ASK** – ask the person what they're asking Jesus to do for them
And ASK the Holy Spirit what He is wanting to do
- ii) **PRAY** – like Jesus did, pray your best prayers. Invite the Holy Spirit to come, and then wait. As pray-ers, let's keep our eyes open to see what the Holy Spirit is doing
- iii) **ASK** – what's happening? If the pain was a 10 out of 10 when they walked in tonight, ask them what they would score the pain now? What are the next steps? Thank God and ask for more. You may find it helpful to go through these steps 2-3 times.

To ponder or pray about this week...

How can you be a kingdom carrier as you go about your every day life?

Some tips for leading a small group Bible discussion:

- *Leading a good Bible discussion is primarily about asking good questions - it's more art than technique and has to be learned "on the job"*
- *We're aiming for self disclosure and application rather than theoretical discussion.*
- *Recognise that people are on a journey - they may be exploring faith or been following Jesus for years.*
- *It may be helpful to start with a lighter ice breaker question, then press in a bit deeper*
- *Open questions are good – "What, How, What if..."*
- *Ask questions that require more than a yes/no answer*
- *Ask questions that are neither insultingly easy nor bewildering obscure!*
- *Supplementary questions are really important - ensure people are grasping meaning rather than trotting out mechanical answers*
- *Supplementary questions have to be asked in the moment, but preparation helps to anticipate various replies*
- *Some helpful questions could include... how does that tie in with the rest of the passage? Can you give an example of that? How do you think this could work out in our lives?*
- *Avoid leaving people thinking "so what?"!!*
- *Remember that all roads in scripture lead to Jesus!*