

WOODLANDS CHURCH

June 25th 2017. Confidence: Confidence in Jesus

Discussion notes

Start off with feedback from Sunday's message. What did those that were there - or those that have caught up online - take away from it? What encouraged them, what informed them and what challenged them? Spend some time discussing the response to the message and the issues that it raised.

We are continuing our series on "Confidence". At the beginning of the year we felt God saying to us that He wanted to give us a renewed confidence in Him, His Word and Spirit, and the Good News. Over the next few weeks the talks will be based on the book of 2 Corinthians. Why not take 20 minutes and read the whole book in one sitting ahead of homegroup/pastorate next week?

Read 2 Corinthians 2v14-17

God is expecting us to be the fragrance or aroma of Jesus.

Do we feel confident in all that Jesus is and has done to enable us to do this well?

Here are five things about Jesus about which we can be confident

1. Jesus shows us what God is like

Read Colossians 1v15-20 & 2v9 and Heb 1v1-3

What characteristic of God do you think Jesus shows in his life that inspire you?

2. Jesus is the only way to know God as Father

Read John 14v6

In a multicultural society how do you feel about Jesus' claim to be the only way to know God as Father? Other religions can know God as creator, sustainer, judge etc, but Jesus is the one who uniquely is about to bring us into a relationship with God as Father.

3. Jesus is the only one who can save us and forgive our pasts.

Read Acts 4v12, Heb 10v19-23

As Jesus died on the cross he made a way for our past to be forgiven and to start a brand new life. How confident are you that if you come to Jesus and repent of living your life your own way, that he can forgive you and save you?

4. Jesus can empathise with our humanity

Read Heb 4v14-16

What do you find most encouraging and comforting about Jesus having been a human being like you and me?

5. Jesus is the wisest person who has ever lived

Read Matt 7v24-27, Romans 10v9-13

If Jesus is the wisest person who has lived, why wouldn't you want to live with him as Lord and Master of your life? The wise person is the one who hears Jesus' words and puts them into practice.

Take the opportunity to pray in twos and threes.

Pray that you would each follow Jesus more confidently and that you would be the fragrance of Jesus in your places of work/family/community.

Pray for those you want to come to know Jesus as their Saviour and Lord