

Homegroup Notes
Saints on the Move
‘Look from above – Called to Live by Faith’

To go with sermon preached at 9.15am & 11am on Sunday 23rd October 2016

These are suggestions for your group – feel free to use them as flexibly as is helpful.

Welcome

Some questions to get talking around the topic:

Do you like being adventurous and taking risks or do you prefer to play it safe? What’s the most risky thing you’ve ever done? How do you feel when you see other people taking risks?

Worship

Spend some time worshipping in your group and focusing on God in whatever way works best.

You could listen/sing the song ‘No longer slaves’ which was referred to in the sermon and sums up where we are as a church at the moment.

You can find it on youtube here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f8TkUMJtK5k>

Topic Introduction

This week we are thinking about how, in this new season we are entering as ‘Saints on the Move’, we are called to be a people of faith and courage who **look** with the eyes of faith and **live by** faith.

If you have all listened to the sermon, you could think together about which of the ‘one animal, three people and a bird’ challenged or inspired you in terms of what it means to look and live by faith:

- Impala
- Peter
- Golden Eagle
- Paul
- Caleb

Word

Reading: **Matthew 14:22-33**

Have someone read the passage to the group before talking about it together using the questions over the page or, if it works well in your group, engage with the reading in the ‘Lectio Divina’ style.

‘Lectio Divina’:

- Pray
- One person read the passage
- A few minutes of silence for people to think quietly
- Another person read the passage
- Each person in turn speak out a word or a phrase from the passage that has struck them
- Read the passage again
- Discuss together

Some things that might help your discussion:

- Are you someone who is likely to get out of the boat eagerly like Peter, or to stay in the boat like the others? Why?
- Identify through the reading when the disciples/Peter are looking through eyes of faith and when they are looking through the eyes of fear.
- What things are likely to encourage you to look through the eyes of faith? And what things are likely to lead you to look through the eyes of fear?
- What do you think is the difference between 'having a faith' and 'living by faith'? (You might want to talk here about the difference between staying in the boat and walking on water!)
- Are there any examples you can share of times when you have 'walked on water', ie you have done something that you thought was impossible because Jesus said you could?

Stir up Faith!

We believe that this is a time for faith and courage to rise among us at All Saints. As part of this, it is important that we all commit to stirring up faith in ourselves and in each other and homegroups are a great place to do that.

One of the ways we can stir up faith in ourselves and in each other is by sharing the stories of what God has done in the past and what he is doing now and really celebrating them. It would be great if we could get into the habit of sharing those things, however big or small they might seem, but all signs of God at work and faith in action.

You could spend some time sharing faith stories with each other:

- Do you know how each member of your group became a Christian in the first place?
- Have you got any examples of seeing God at work recently?

Think about how else you can encourage each other to live **by** faith day by day as we go on into this new season together.

Pray together

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