

# Growing Together

*Cro***X***ley Green*  
BAPTIST CHURCH  
*Devoted to Christ, His People, His Mission*

**Sunday and Mid-Week  
Teaching and Discipleship  
Programme**

**“Seeing Jesus Through the  
Eyes of a Friend”**

**April 10<sup>th</sup> and 17th**

<b>Week Beginning Sunday</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>Weekly Theme</b>	<b>Text</b>
<b>Mar 6<sup>th</sup></b>		To go or not to go?	John 7v1-13
<b>Mar 13<sup>th</sup></b>	Church Meeting Week	Outstanding	John 7v14-24
<b>Mar 20<sup>th</sup></b>		Questions and Doubts	John 7v25-52
<b>Mar 27<sup>th</sup></b>		Worldly Wisdom	John 8v1-11
<b>Apr 3<sup>rd</sup></b>		Truth	John 8v12-20
<b>Apr 10<sup>th</sup></b>	Palm Sunday	Mixed Reception	Luke 19v28-44
<b>Apr 17<sup>th</sup></b>	Easter Sunday - Baptism		Luke 24v1-12

Use the discussion starters to shape your evening or one of the two patterns below, or a combination of both!

<b>Pattern 1</b> <b>Listening to voice of God in Life</b>	<b>Pattern 2</b> <b>Listen to the voice of God in the text</b>
<p>Where and in what ways have you been aware of God this week? What are you grateful to God for?</p> <p>What has prevented you being aware of God? How might you resist these things?</p> <p>In what ways did God encourage you through the Bible text/worship/sermon? In what ways did God challenge you?</p> <p>How is God calling you to respond in your life, relationships, and discipleship to how you have heard his voice in your journey with him this past week?</p>	<p>What stood out for you in the Bible text or sermon? Was there anything new for you?</p> <p>Was there anything that puzzled you or you did not understand?</p> <p>What challenged you in the Bible text or sermon?</p> <p>How is God calling you to respond in your life, relationships, and discipleship to how you have heard his voice in the bible text this past week?</p>

## **Week Beginning Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

### **Theme : Mixed Reception**

### **Bible Reading : Luke 19v28-44**

- Perhaps this is a very familiar story to members of the group. Share together was struck you in Sunday's sermon; what new thing did God reveal?
- v28-34 : The disciples Jesus' sent showed a lot of trust in Jesus words. Where do you think this arose from? Where does our trust of Jesus arise from?
- v37 : The people following Jesus gave joyful praise to God "for all the miracles they had seen. Is that what leads you to worship? If not, what else provokes you to offer worship?
- v41-44 : Jesus is surrounded by cheering, joyful crowds, but he speaks words of judgement. What was "hidden from their eyes"? Who hid it from them? Themselves? God? What might we need to see afresh this Easter?

### **Prayer Focus**

- Pray into any of issues that have arisen within your discussions
- Give thanks for anything new you have discovered about Jesus.
- Pray for the prayer topics in the weekly sheet.
- For the continuing situation in Ukraine and that they would know peace.
- That people in our community would know peace.
- That we would allow the Spirit to open our eyes more to Jesus' Easter story and God's love and salvation and that it would allow praise to flow from us.

## Week Beginning Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2022

### Theme : Another Mixed Reception

### Bible Reading : Luke 24v1-12

- Share together was struck you in Sunday's sermon and service.
- The women were scared. The disciples did not believe it. Peter was left wondering. How have you been left by Easter this year?
- **v5** : The men in the tomb asked the women, "*Why do you look for the living among the dead?*" The women came getting ready to complete Jesus' burial. They were unprepared for the news of Jesus rising. Which part of Easter do you find it easier to receive? His death? His rising? What of God's life comes through each?
- **v7** : Jesus told the disciples that he would be killed and raised to life. Do you think he knew too how his followers would react? How might this encourage us in our own faith journey and relationship with Jesus?
- What encouraged you in the baptism of our three friends on Easter Sunday morning?

### Prayer Focus

- Pray into any of issues that have arisen within your discussions
- Give thanks for anything new you have discovered about Jesus
- For resolution of the situation in Ukraine and that as a church we will be able to support refugees
- Pray for those baptised on Easter Sunday