

Growing Together

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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”**

Jan 9th and 16th 2022

Week Beginning Sunday	Notes	Weekly Theme	Text
Jan 9th		Attracted to Jesus	John 4v43-54
Jan 16th	Church Meeting Week	Finding hope with Jesus	John 5v1-15
Jan 23rd			John 5v16-30
Jan 30th			John 6v1-15
Feb 6th			John 6v16-24
Feb 13th	½ Term Week		John 6v25-40
Feb 20th			John 6v41-59
Feb 27th			John 6v60-71

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

Pattern 1 Listening to voice of God in Life	Pattern 2 Listen to the voice of God in the text
<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 9th Jan 2022

Theme : Attracted to Jesus

Bible Reading : John 4v43-54

- Share together what struck you in Sunday's sermon.
- **v45** - People were attracted to Jesus because of "all they had seen him do in Jerusalem" (see John 2v23 for what he was doing). What attracts people to Jesus today? Is it the same as in Jesus' day, or are they looking for something different?
- In our day, do people want to know about Jesus? Or do they want to know if what Jesus offers helps their lives? How might this change the way we share the gospel?
- **v46-47** - What do you expect to happen when you pray for someone to be healed? Should we ask, that God would work through modern medicine? Or can God work beyond this? Share insights from your experiences?
- **v48 and v53** - The Father "and all his household believed" when his son was healed. Yet, Jesus seems critical of faith based upon "miraculous signs and wonders". How might our faith be shaped by experiencing "miraculous signs"? What might be the dangers too?
- **v54** - In John's gospel miracles are referred to as "signs". Signs to what?

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.
- Pray for those who are sick and in need of healing.
- Pray for those who are working in the NHS and Care System as they face increases in covid rates and hospitalisations.

Week Beginning Sunday 16th Jan 2022

Theme : Find hope with Jesus?

Bible Reading : John 5v1-15

- Share together what struck you in Sunday's sermon.
- **v3-6** - Jesus asks a man paralysed for 38 years "do you want to get well?" Was it a silly question? Or do we just come to accept the way life is that we cannot see a different future with God? What might Jesus need to ask of you?
- **v7** - The man seems to be with out hope. What makes situations seem hopeless to us? How can we help others see hope in a desperate situation?
- **Look at v3b-5 (often in footnotes to the text)** - What kind of God would work in such a random way? Is it the God that Jesus shows? How might wrong ideas we have about God limit what God wants to do in our lives?
- **v14** - Jesus' seems to link sin to the man's long illness. What do you think about this? Have you ever thought this yourself? Or can you look at it another way? Jesus inviting the man to respond in gratitude to God's grace? How do we respond when God has blessed us?

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
- That we would grow in a fuller vision of God's character and heart for our lives.
- For people who face hopeless situations in our community, nation and around the world due to illness and poverty.