

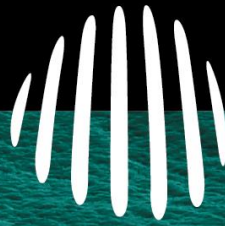
York St Small Groups

Sermon Based Studies

SUNDAY 16 February 2020

Vision Series

John 1:1-14, Luke 4:1-13



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Please note that these studies are designed to be explored after hearing the Sunday Sermon and also to be accompanied by a time of prayer/sharing and supper.



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Q1. Can you think of a time when Scripture (the Bible) has helped you?

Q2. Think of a time when you were certain that God was leading you in a direction/decision/choice?

INTO THE WORD

John 1:1-3

Q3. Before anything, there was God (Gen 1:1). God created all things, and God gave us 'the Word' (2 Tim 3:16-17), you don't need to look far to see the complexity of the human body and realise that there is a creator. Likewise, God's Word has stood the test of time proving itself over and over again over thousands of years as being crafted by one author. Can you think of a link that helps prove the authority of God's word? (EG: prophecies come true, or Old Testament and New Testament links).

Q4. Can you think of the last time you read the Bible and something jumped out at you as if it were for the first time?

Acts 2:1-4

Q5. While the Bible is God's word, we are also privileged to have His Holy Spirit with us also. Jesus was led by the Spirit, and we see that the disciples were also filled and empowered, led by and listened to this gift sent by Jesus. How does the Holy Spirit speak to you? Remember this is God's Holy Spirit, we cannot dictate how a Holy God will speak to us, so please respect others in how God communicates to them. If you have yet to hear God's voice in whatever medium He chooses to use, can I encourage you to listen to others, and give God the time to speak by listening and looking for Him (Jeremiah 29:13) to Him, and reading His Word.

GOING DEEPER

Luke 4:1-13

Q6. Jesus exemplifies how the power of Scripture partners with the Holy Spirit's leading. He is able to listen to the Spirit and is lead both into a hard place, and then out of it. While in the wilderness, Scripture is His weapon of choice to combat Satan who uses tangible temptations that apply to us today. How would you respond to a call into the uncomfortable? What prayers do you pray, or Scriptures do you use in these moments?

Matthew 26:38-39

Jesus and His disciples where led by the Sprit to go or not to go, or speak or stay quiet (Acts 16:6). They lived in faith, and depended on God's leading. How do we do this when we are so self-sufficient for the physical needs in the western world?

CONCLUSION & PRAYER

Jesus prayed, He asked questions (Luke 2:40-52) as He grew in His understanding of Scripture, He invested into others, He listened to the Father and was obedient to His Loving plan for us. The disciples did likewise, they failed but continued to press into the Spirit, and the example Jesus set for them. How can we be true disciples of Jesus? What areas of our lives can we grow in; our knowledge of Scripture, or our ability to listen to the spirit, or the hardest part of both, being obedient to them... Pray that through the loving heart that the Word was written with, and the grace of a Holy God willing to speak to us, that we would be brave enough to listen and be the disciples Christ has called us to be. May Scripture be our anchor and the Holy Spirit be our compass. Amen