

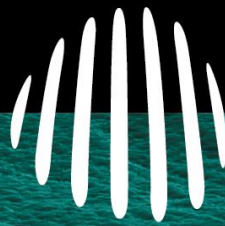
York St Small Groups

Sermon Based Studies

SUNDAY 1 March 2020

**God cares for every member of His family,
and so do we.**

1 John 3:1-7, Romans 12:9-17, Luke 17:11-19



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Vision

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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GETTING STARTED

Q1. Can you think of a time when someone showed love to you in a way that you were not expecting?

Q2. Can you think of a person, or group of people that you find hard to love, hard to empathise with, or hard to have compassion for?

INTO THE WORD

Q3. Read 1 John 3:1-10

1 John is written to believers of Jesus who were confronted with “Gnosticism” where the ideas that ‘all matter is evil and only the spirit is good’ were being taught. John combats this heresy (false teaching) showing how the ‘love’ within a family can be from God, and God is our loving father. What experiences of a loving family have you witnessed or shared?

Q4. Read Romans 12:9-17

If God loves us and we are a part of His family, how can we love our other brothers and sisters? This passage is deeply challenging in how we are to treat others. What stood out to you in this passage?

GOING DEEPER

Q5. Read Luke 17:11-19

Jesus loved those that others rejected, people that others (for good reason) didn't associate with. He showed mercy and compassion where others were afraid. Who do you feel would be the outcasts (like the 'lepers') in our society today? How would Jesus treat them?

Q6. Tim challenged us to pray a prayer on Sunday "God, will you give me eyes to see others how you see them?", are you brave enough to pray this prayer? As a church we know that 'God cares for every member of His family, and so do we', this begins with seeing others how God sees them. How can you care for God's family this week?

Prayer

God, we ask for compassion and wisdom to treat others how you treat them, we ask that you help us to show kindness and mercy to those who do not yet know the truth. God, give us the eyes to see others how you see them, fill us with the Holy Spirit so we can love others the way you love them. Give us opportunities this week to be the salt and light in this world for you, all for the sake of the gospel of Jesus Christ! Amen.