

w/b 1st July 2018 THEME: VISION REVIEW 2018 - LIFE APPLICATION

INTRODUCTION: This week, we have a study that looks at the four key elements of our vision for 2018.

NB: There is a summary of the vision on our website, with links to recommended books for each of the four areas. www.jubileechurchshepperton.org/vision

Just to remind you, they are:

1. Creating a come as you are culture
2. Releasing the fullness, power and gifts of the Holy Spirit
3. Working hard to enhance our community life together
4. Developing key areas or ministries where acts of generous justice and mercy can flow out from the church into the local community

LAUNCH

Name a personal vision not linked to church that has excited you over the last few weeks. It could be a hobby or a planned trip. What was exciting about the plan and how did this excitement translate into action?

1. COME AS YOU ARE - PASSAGE: Luke 19:1-10 Jesus and Zacchaeus

Why was Zacchaeus so despised in his local community?

If you were to look closely at your own biases and prejudices what types of people are you in danger of despising?

How does Jesus demonstrate a come as you are approach to Zacchaeus within these few verses? What lessons can we learn for our home groups and church?

Come as you are replaces 'behave-believe-belong' with 'belong-believe-become'. What are the pros and cons of doing this?

2. FULL OF THE SPIRIT - PASSAGE: Acts 19:1-7

The disciples that Paul encountered were believers in the general sense of the term but needed to know more & experience the fullness of the Spirit. What did Paul do to enable this?

How can your group be more open to experiencing the activity of the Spirit?

3. ENHANCING COMMUNITY - PASSAGE: John 17:20-26

What sort of divisions do we see in the world today? What sort of divisions do we see in the church? Are they similar or different?

What key arguments are used by Jesus to demonstrate why unity is so important?

Spend time praying for unity in your home group and unity in our church as a whole

4. SOCIAL JUSTICE - PASSAGE: Luke 14:12-14

What key thinking does Jesus seek to challenge in this passage?

John Newton expressed his amazement that these verses were in the bible at all as everyone 'seems to ignore them'. Do you agree and if so, why do you think this is the case?

What steps do you need to take to ensure that you don't ignore this critical scripture?