

QUESTIONS - WEEK 3 (MARCH 11)- THE PASSIONATE DISCIPLE

Group Leaders: Do not feel you have to get through all of these questions. Go with a sense of the Spirit's leading

Introduction

- Give each person an opportunity to share one thing God has moved them to change following the first sermon and last week's discussion

Share anything that impacted you out of:

- Alan Hirsch's interview,
- Toon's story

JOHN 4:1-42

What aspect of Jesus character and nature do you see evidenced in this story?
How does that impact you?

How would you rank your 'sense of urgency for the lost'? Scale of 1-10.

How has that changed over the years?

What factors contribute to that?

What are your impediments to acting on the urgency?

How can your sense of urgency for the lost be increased and put into action?

What moved the Samaritan woman to urgent mission involvement?

What was the outcome of her action?

What do answers to these 2 questions say to you?

What did you think about John's statement - "The reality is that we all frequent the farm, but most of us rarely pray for God to put us to work in it!"

When you reflect on the harvest, who do you see? How do you feel? What do you think? What action would God prompt for you?

LUKE 16:19-31

What aspect of Jesus character and nature do you see evidenced in this story?
How does that impact you?

What lessons did you learn from this story?



How do you respond to John's observation that, 'Caring for the poor is not an optional extra in salvation! Instead, caring for the poor is necessary evidence of salvation'. (Compare Matthew 25:31-46 & Luke 19:8-10).

Who are the poor at your gate? What is God saying to you about these ones?
(Note: the poor may be; financially, powerless, ignorant, hopeless, uneducated, separated from God, unreconciled/ estranged, unfulfilled, addicted, distracted etc)

Discuss any specific actions for you in responding to the needs of the poor, the lost and the hurting?

Pray for each other. Especially pray for each other's specific issues, needs and actions regarding the lost and the poor amongst us.