

Sunday 3rd August 2014

1 Timothy 1:1-11

Questions for small groups:

GRACE:

"God showed up in my life". Briefly share the moment when you realised that God is real. Notice in each other's stories how the revelation of God to you produces a response of gratitude and then a desire to share what you have received.

MERCY:

"Jesus thinks I was worth dying for". Reflect on the moment where you realised that you could not relate to God on your own: that Jesus is the only way to the Father. How could your reflections here help you to help others find their way to Jesus as their Saviour and Lord?

PEACE:

"The internal state of being (Peace) that remains even when times are tough". How aware are you of God's peace in your life? How does a consciousness of God's peace enable you to live in difficult days and fantastic days? Would people around you describe you as a person of peace? Does it matter?

LOVE:

Reflect on the following:

John 3:17

Colossians 3:14

Romans 2:4

1 Corinthians 13

LAW:

Paul is providing advice to Timothy in relation to false teachers. False Teachers were making improper use of the moral law resulting in conflict, confusion and people being alienated from God. What challenges do we face in relation to people who are living and behaving in ways that are damaging to themselves and others: in ways that are not in accordance with God's moral law (10 Commandments)?

WATCH

This week's message suggested that the way to view people is through the lens of grace, mercy, peace, love and then law ... This leads people towards Christ (our hope) and not away from Christ (hopeless). You may like to watch the clip again and consider what makes this song and film clip so powerful.

"Beautiful Things" Gungor

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Is6weMrenls&sns=em>

HOPE:

"I am not beyond the reach of Jesus".

Who can you share the message of Hope in Christ Jesus this week?