

REAL OBEDIENCE - Week 1

Obedience in Relationships

These notes are to be used in conjunction with the sermon series during the service or with the recording. They are intended to assist also with further individual or group study and will be utilized during a Church reflection at Café Church on the 13th March

Readings

Isaiah 39; Matthew 10: 11-16; & Ephesians 5: 22 – 6: 4

Our Maker knows Best Genesis 1:1 to 3: 3:19

Considering the preparation material (circulated for the last few weeks and available on the website) and the account in Genesis especially 2: 16-17; what are the basic truths that give us confidence in and motivation for obeying God?

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Relationships with the World Isaiah 39; Matthew 10: 11-16

What does it mean to be of God and what does it mean to be of the world (read John 15: 19, 17: 16 and 1 John 5: 1-5 to help your deliberations)? How would you describe the world?

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Christ tells us to be 'as shrewd as snakes and innocent as doves' and to be like 'sheep amongst the wolves.' How do these descriptions and the listed scriptures guide us in our relationship with the world (consider our focus over the last two years too)? What lessons do we learn from Hezekiah (Isaiah 39)?

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Relationships with one another Ephesians 5: 22: - 6: 4

We considered the foundation of Christ's commands in Matthew 22: 37-40 and looked at the Ephesians passage in the light of His commands. What lessons from marriage and from Christ's love for the Church do you identify with? How does Christ's teaching differ from the worlds? What do you see in your own life?

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Relationship with Christ Ephesians 5: 22-32

We saw Christ's love as sacrificial, purifying and caring; in this way He is the example for all relationships. Our relationships need to be founded in Him (vs. 30). In light of this and the previous material; how should we live (what specifically to do differently)?

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What encouragement and strength do we find in Ephesians 2: 6 -7 for the present and the future? Is therefore obedience a choice and a blessing?

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Future Study

Please note down an aspect of key learning or a point that you want to study further at Café Church on the 13th March 2016:

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