

WEEK 5 - RSVP

Introduction

In the last few weeks we have learnt some amazing good news centred around the person of Jesus:

- o He is the son of God
- o He can forgive sins
- o He was prepared to give his life as a ransom for our sins

SO...If Jesus has solved the world's biggest problem why have the last 2000 years been such a mess?

Get Stuck In

Read Mark 4 v1-20

(A parable is a story from every day life used to illustrate a deeper truth. Jesus often used such stories to teach his followers)

Questions

a) Over the last few studies we have read from Jesus' teaching. What are the responses Jesus clearly expects from those who receive him?

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b) Does it surprise you that ultimately 3 out of 4 of the responses are to reject what he says? Give reasons why or why not.

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c) Look at v12; this explains what it means to receive the word with gladness. What is involved in turning and being forgiven?

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d) Those who decide to accept Jesus' words bear fruit, whilst the other groups do not. What does Jesus mean by bearing fruit? How does this link up with what we learnt last time, that the way to be great is to be a servant?

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Summary: Jesus' death on the cross was only the beginning of the story **look at Mark 16 v 1-8.**

Christians believe that not only did Jesus die to pay for our sins, but that he rose again so that we can not just **know about him** but actually **know him!**

The seed has been planted.
In what way will you choose to react to this today?

Testimony Time

All who are willing to share where they are at the end of the course

Questions and What next?

Prayer requests

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