

St John's Meads – Home Groups

God Reigns: A Loving People



Review: With loving urgency in his final sermon, Moses reminds the Israelites of God's covenant with his people just before they enter the Promised Land. If God reigns in their hearts – if they obey his commands by loving him, listening to his voice and holding fast to him – he will bless them mightily. If they disobey God, not only will the blessings be withheld, they will suffer curses. The covenant promises of God apply to his people today just as they did to the Israelites. Our relationship with God, collectively and as individuals, is the key.



Discuss:

Spending time with God. Loving God and being loved by him

How do I experience God at this stage of my life? How would I like to know, experience and relate to God? What actions may I take to enable God to change my heart and deepen my experience of him?

John 14: 5-10 and/or John 15:1-7 may be helpful.

Listening to God

Looking back over the last few days, do you sense you have heard God in the midst of any of your daily affairs? In what ways? When you start a new day, open yourself to God asking him to create in you a still centre where, during the pressures of the day, you can talk and listen to him.

Scriptures which may be helpful are Philippians 2:1-11, Isaiah 55, Psalm 27

Holding fast to God when under pressure

We all go through times of difficulty and many Christians find that particular Psalms can be a source of comfort and consolation. Here is a selection giving the number of the Psalm with a very brief description: 130 (out of the depths), 40 (he lifted me out of the pit), 37 (do not fret), 91 (God's protection), 121 (keeping watch over our pressures), 42/43 (down and depressed), 51 (pressure from guilt), 23 (confidence in God), 73 (pressure from God), 139 (who is God?).



Pray: For the desire to become more obedient to God's loving commands so that he may reign in our hearts. That we may set aside time to be with God (Psalm 37:4 "Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart.") That our love of God and of our neighbour may flow from a full heart. That we may listen for God's voice each day as he speaks to us in all situations through his Holy Spirit. That we may hold fast to him through difficult times.