

20 SEPTEMBER 2009

EVERY MEMBER A DISCIPLE

WELCOME: apart from Jesus, describe one person who has been a great influence in your life and how they have changed your life.

WORSHIP: read Isaiah 6:1-8: Isaiah's commission. It is as he worships the Holy God that he answers God's call. As you worship, be expecting to hear from God. He is Holy so use worship songs that explore His Holiness. Psalm 15 answers the question 'Who may dwell in your sanctuary?'. You might use your worship as a time of repentance for failure to answer his call and follow Him.

WORD: read Luke 18:18-30

v.18-21: what do you think 'eternal life' is?

why are keeping God's commandments important?

v.22: why does Jesus say to the rich young ruler 'one thing is still lacking'?

is the rich young ruler self satisfied?

why does Jesus tell him to sell all he has and give it to the poor when he doesn't say it to anyone else in the gospels?

v.23: what was the ruler's response and what does it tell us about him?

why was he sad and not angry?

v.24-5: how do you understand the Kingdom of God?

what is its importance to Jesus?

Why does Jesus seem to be so harsh with him?

v.26-7: what is possible with God?

v.28-9: what does Jesus mean exactly do you think here?

are we rewarded for following him?

what should be our motivation in being a disciple

1. If 12 disciples were able to change the world so much and the Roman Empire in particular, why do we doubt what we can do?

2. What difference ought it to make to us that He has chosen us rather than we choosing him?

3. Can you be a disciple on your own or do you need others? Why do people think they can do it on their own?

4. What things prevent us from following Jesus/hearing God's call?

5. Is the church affected by a consumerist mentality? What can be done to change this?

WITNESS: if we are called into a common discipleship, what is God asking us to do as a group to express that? It doesn't have to be something 'big' but it does have to be something God!