



ST. BARNABAS CHURCH, SWANLAND
SMALL GROUPS NOTES

Sharing Christ through friendship

Week beginning 10 September 2012 10th Sunday AFTER Trinity.

Reading: James 2:1-17 and Mark 7 24-37

Theme: Faith and Actions

Welcome/ icebreaker	Have an open discussion about giving to charity, whether you distinguish between charities to benefit and why you distinguish. Whether you give in kind (food, clothes) or money. Why do you give at all?
Worship	Choose songs celebrating the enormity of God's love for us. Here is love vast as the ocean (SOF168) Such love (SOF514) Pray that the Holy Spirit will reveal God's truth to you and for you today, as you read his word and meet him through it.
Word (refs.↓)	Sermon available to listen to on www.stbchurch.org.uk if you missed it. Click on downloads".
Read	James 2:1-17 Put into your own words, with your own illustrations.
What do you see?	
	In what ways do we discriminate? Is there a difference between what we know we should do and what we actually do? Or between what we admit in public but think (and perhaps say) in private?
	Think of a critical incident in which you were challenged to give your time or your money or something of value, but didn't? What would it take to change your attitude?
Mark 7 24-37	If you have time. Who appears to discriminate here? What is that appears to make Jesus change his mind?.
	Pray for the Holy Spirit of Jesus to make "head knowledge" into "heart knowledge". Pray as the Holy Spirit leads.
Witness	How will we react <i>when</i> - not <i>if</i> - we are challenged to offer our time or talents or resources this week?