

ST. BARNABAS CHURCH, SWANLAND

SMALL GROUPS NOTES

Sharing Christ through friendship

Week beginning 11 November 2012. Remembrance Sunday, Theme: Sacrifice

Please pray for God's Holy Spirit to reveal his truth to you and for you today, as you read his word and encounter the living Jesus through it.

Please read Psalm 144 v1-4 and John 3 v16-21 before choosing from the suggestions below. If time allows also Romans 8 v28-39

Welcome/ icebreaker	When have you been most scared or in need of courage? Or What kind of situation are you likely to shy away from?
Worship	Choose some songs/hymns about Jesus sacrifice and Gods faithfulness. Suggestions: You laid aside your majesty, Halleluiah My Father, Faithful One.
Word (refs.↓)	Sermon available to listen to on www.stbchurch.org.uk if you missed it. Click on "downloads".
Psalm 144 v1-4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Think of examples in David's life that may have led him to write these words• David speaks of God being his refuge and shield. In what practical ways can God be our 'Defender' or 'Refuge'• Although David was King he asked for God's help with his battles – what are the battles we face?• Have you any examples where you have known God fighting the battle for you?• David worked in partnership with God – what is our side of the bargain if we want God to fight our battles?
John 3 v16-21	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Notice that these are Jesus' own words anticipating a battle that he would face on the cross• Reflect that he stood alone and felt the 'pain of searing loss' – to win the ultimate battle and that God delivered him from death to glory• How does his victory over death help us view the battles we face?
Romans 8 v28-39	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wonderful words from Paul on the consequences for us of Jesus' victory over sin and death.• We are More than Conquerors! If God is for us, who can be against us? How should this impact the way we seek to live our lives?
Prayer/Witness	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Give thanks for the sacrifice of Jesus.• Receive the love that we cannot be separated from• Live our lives as 'More than Conquerors'!