


ST. BARNABAS CHURCH, SWANLAND
SMALL GROUPS NOTES

Sharing Christ through friendship

**Week beginning 17 October 2010. Responses to the Kingdom – Prayer and Prejudice
 Luke 18:1-14. – Also please read Luke 11:1-13**

Welcome/ icebreaker	When have you needed to be persistent in a situation? What was the result?
Worship	Choose some songs/hymns to do with prayer, God’s Kingdom, his grace in accepting us. Suggestions: Lord Jesus Christ, Restore O Lord, Seek ye first, Amazing grace, Jesus you are changing me. 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”.
Luke18:1-14	What links these two passages? What do we learn about prayer from the widow, the Pharisee, the tax collector? What do we learn about God? What might we learn about ourselves?
Luke 11:1-13 Especially v1	Why do you think the disciple asked Jesus this question? (read also, Lk 3:21, 6:12, 22,41, 5:16, Mt14:23, Mk1:35. How did he answer?
Luke 11:1-13 and Lk 18:1-114	Discipleship (being a life-long learner), relationship with God through Jesus, the gift of the Holy Spirit are the key ingredients for fruitful prayer/kingdom-bringing life. Do you agree? How can we grow in these areas as a church and in our own lives?
Consider	What keeps a relationship healthy?(e.g. time, attention, listening, willingness to learn, commitment to good of the other, communication, responsiveness to needs, acceptance of other etc.) If any are on the Marriage Course they might share some insights. How does this translate into prayer life?
	“Lord, Teach us to pray”: We are <i>disciples</i> of Jesus, <i>children of our loving Father</i> , who offers us his most precious gift..... Pray as the <i>Holy Spirit</i> leads, even if that means into new places, new ways, new understanding...Lord teach us.
Witness	Act on your prayers in confidence and faith. Who will you share the love of Jesus with this week? Could you invite someone to Coffee Chat? Might you offer to pray with someone in need, or to babysit? To pass on information about Kathy our Parish Nurse? Listen, see how the Spirit prompts. Encourage each other by sharing answers to prayer-promptings next week. And/or persist!
