

## ST. BARNABAS CHURCH, SWANLAND

### SMALL GROUPS NOTES

*Sharing Christ through friendship*

Week beginning 28 October 2012. Bible Sunday, Theme: God-breathed Scripture.

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 **John 5: 36b-47** and **2Timothy 3:14 - 4:5** before choosing from the suggestions below.

<b>Welcome/ icebreaker</b>	Which of your possessions would you try to save if your house was on fire?
<b>Worship</b>	Choose some songs/hymns about God's word. Suggestions: Your grace is enough, Thou whose almighty word, Seek ye first the kingdom of God. When we walk with the Lord. <b><i>Don't forget the red folders of newer songs available from the lounge.</i></b>
<b>Word</b> (refs.↓)	Sermon available to listen to on <a href="http://www.stbchurch.org.uk">www.stbchurch.org.uk</a> if you missed it. Click on "downloads".
2 Timothy 3:16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Who wrote the bible?</li><li>• What do you understand by the phrase "all scripture is God-breathed"?</li><li>• How can it be inspired by God, if over forty human authors were involved?</li><li>• How can God speak to us through the bible today? Share examples of God speaking to group members through the bible, if people would like to.</li><li>• Why do we need to read the Old Testament?</li></ul>
John 5: 36b- 47	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Who/what are the five witnesses who testify to Jesus identity? See v33, 36, 37, 39, 47</li><li>• We know that scripture is important and the Pharisees studied scripture and tried to follow it – so what was the problem? See v39,40.</li><li>• Where does the Old Testament speak about Jesus? See Gen 3:15, Deut 18:15, Isaiah 7:14, 9:6-7, 53:1-6, 61,1-2, Micah5:2</li></ul>
John 5:39,40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Jesus invites us to come to him and have life. How can the bible help us to do that – and when we have found life, what do we need in order to grow?</li></ul>
<b>Prayer/Witness</b>	Think back to the ice-breaker. The Queen was told that the bible was the most valuable thing this world affords. Pray that we might value the written word and spend time reading the bible, so that it reveals more and more of the living Word – Jesus – to us (Jn1:1). Pray that we might hear how you want us to live and work for your Kingdom and how to pray for the needs of friends/neighbours.