

ST. BARNABAS CHURCH, SWANLAND
SMALL GROUPS NOTES

Sharing Christ through friendship

Week beginning 5th June 2011 Readings: Acts 1:6-14 and John 17:1-11

Theme: God has raised Jesus to life – giving glory to the Father

Welcome/ icebreaker	Optional ice breaker <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What day of the year can you hardly wait for? or • What long-awaited “prize” was worth the wait (season tickets, driver’s licence, etc)?
Worship	Suggested songs: #6 Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord # 32 At the Name of Jesus every knee shall bow. # 935 My Jesus, My Saviour. Lord there is none like you. # 77 Crown Him with many crowns
Word (refs.↓)	
Acts v 6	What do the disciples think will happen when they receive the Holy Spirit?
Acts v 7-8	How does their idea of the kingdom differ from Jesus’
Acts v 8	As a disciple what is the impact of Jesus’ words
Acts v 9	What would you call Jesus’ Ascension to heaven? Sad? – the end of his earthly ministry Hopeful? – The start of a new phase of his ministry Prophetic? – as he left he will return Amazing? – that would have been something to see!
Acts v 9	If you were one of the disciples, how would you have felt about Jesus leaving? Terrified, abandoned, confused, angry or excited about what was ahead?
Acts v 11	What are the angels telling the disciples? “Don’t worry he’ll come again”, “Don’t just stand there get on with it “, “It is time to begin your ministry”, or other?
Acts v 11	As a disciple what is the impact of the angles words in verse 11?
Acts Chap 2	What do you think the disciples did during the 10 days they waited for the Holy Spirit to come? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grieved over Jesus’ departure? • Praised God with much joy? • Talked about their mixed up feelings and encouraged one another? • Recalled Jesus’ teaching and tried to understand what was going on? • Sat in silence waiting for something to happen?
John v 17 : 1	What event is it now “Time For”?
John v 17 : 4-5	What does it mean to “glorify” someone? How is Jesus’ deity emphasised here?
John v 17 : 6-9	Who is the focal point of Jesus’ prayer in verses 6-9?
Witness	This week whom have you glorified by the way you lived.? How so? What two phrases sum up your goal for the past year? How does this relate to God’s purpose?