

The Parish Church of St. Barnabas, Swanland - 'Sharing Christ through friendship'

CELL GROUP NOTES: [7 November 2011](#) - 3rd Sunday before Advent. Reading: Luke 20:20-40

Welcome/ icebreaker	What was the best 'red herring' question you can remember at school (or since)?
Worship	<i>Suggestions (SOF) 205 I cannot tell; 759 Here I am; 780 How deep; 1906 I've had questions</i>
Word (refs.↓)	<i>some suggestions for discussion here</i>
Luke 20:20-40	Jesus has recently arrived in Jerusalem. In this, the week before he goes to the cross, he encounters increasing opposition from the religious leaders (see vv.1-2, 20, 26a, 27, 40) – though some do respond positively (vv.26b, 39).
Luke 20:20-26 <i>or</i> Luke 20:27-40	<i>Pick one of these two stories and consider:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why were the leaders unhappy with what Jesus was doing /saying (eg. v.19)? • Why were they asking Jesus trick questions, rather than engaging with him? • If the question wasn't a genuine one, why did Jesus still try to answer it? • What 'red herrings' do other people (or you!) come up with when faced with the person of Jesus? • What questions do we get hung up on about Jesus? What are the real questions that we have (or truths that we are struggling with) but try to avoid?
<i>either</i> Luke 20:20-26	What questions about money and giving do we tend to focus on in church? What should really be our priorities?
<i>or</i> Luke 20:27-40	What questions about the afterlife do we tend to focus on in church? What should really be our priorities?
Witness	<u>Pray</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) That someone outside of church whom you meet this week will ask you a question about your faith, and 2) for the grace to answer that question in a way that will get to the heart of what they really need to learn about Jesus. <i>Come next week ready to share!</i> <p><i>(If time after praying) <u>Plan</u> – begin to plan a cell/ cluster social some time before Christmas to which you can invite new people (e.g. friends/ family who aren't yet Christians, or people in church who aren't yet in a small group).</i></p>
Notices:	Next week's planned church meeting ('Gathering') on the 16 th is cancelled due to a clash with a Diocesan meeting. However, group leaders & deputy/co-leaders are invited to a central meeting on Nov 23rd – please try and plan your groups that week such that your leaders can be released to come to this. PS On Monday 22 nd there is an 'open' Monday Cluster meeting in church to meet Ann Fursdon (on leave from her work with AIM in Chad). Ann would also love to come for lunch/ supper with anyone between 20 th & 28 th Nov.
<u>Reminder</u>	<i>Enjoy getting stuck into the Bible? Not enough time to do it at cell group? Why not try the new 'Hull School of Theology' at St Aidan's this Saturday 13th? (contact Francis for details)</i>