

Parish Church of St. Barnabas, Swanland *Sharing Christ through friendship.*

Small Group notes for week beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2013.

Bible passages: Galatians 1:1 - 12; Luke 7:1 – 10; - “Encouraged to believe”

<b>Welcome</b>	Think of something which you at first thought was an outrageous fact or belief that subsequently proved to be true
<b>Worship ideas</b>	<i>Suggested songs: Songs of Fellowship 599 When we walk with the Lord; 99. Safe in the shadow of the Lord. 472 Praise you, Lord, for the wonder of your healing (NB: 20 files of newer songs are available to borrow from the lounge</i>
<b>Word</b> (refs.↓)	<i>some suggestions for discussion here – you might prefer to focus on just 2 or 3 questions</i>
<b><u>Read</u></b> Galatians 1: 1 - 12	<p>What is the ‘different gospel’ to which Paul refers?</p> <p>What was likely to be the consequence of believing in this different gospel?</p> <p>What did Paul think was the motivation of these false preachers?</p> <p>What was the difference in Paul’s motivation to preach the gospel?</p> <p>What is the purpose of preaching the gospel? (also read Colossians 2:2)</p>
<b><u>Read</u></b> Luke 7: 1 - 10	<p>What were the differences between this healing and most of the others by Jesus?</p> <p>What might have prompted the centurion to send for Jesus?</p> <p>What do you think of the centurion’s reason for not needing Jesus to come – and what might that mean for us?</p> <p>When Jesus referred to the centurion’s great faith what do you think he meant?</p> <p>Do we see any distinction between faith as ‘belief’ and faith as ‘trust’? and how can we increase our own faith? (read Romans 10.14 – 16)</p>
<b>Witness</b>	<p><b><u>Pray for</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ An increase in our motivation to read ‘God’s word’ in scripture and in the depth of our belief and trust in Jesus.</li> <li>❖ <b><u>Continue to pray</u></b> for opportunities to reach out to family/ friends/neighbours this next month (eg barbecue lunch at church on Father’s Day (Sun 16 Jun)</li> <li>❖ <b><u>Update your plan</u></b> as a group during June or July for an activity to which you can invite friends/ neighbours/ family who aren’t yet Christians (picnic, garden party, &amp;c.)</li> </ul>