

Life Group Notes 8th October 2020

The Words of Eternal Life

What did God speak to you about on Sunday? What can you remember from Si's message?

Jesus' words came with authority as he has all authority. Christ's words focused primarily on himself as ultimately he is all we need for life and godliness; therefore we too should focus people towards Jesus, as to believe in the Son of God is the primary act of obedience required of us all. **Everything else flows from this.**

The Authority of Jesus' Words - God through the Holy Spirits guidance recorded in the Bible for all time the words we need spoken by his Son Jesus, the Prophets and Apostles. Just as Jesus was the word of God in human form, so the bible is the word of God in written form. God still speaks to us directly though, through the Holy Spirit as well as through the bible (and yet never in a way that would contradict the bible). ***So, to start, have people got a testimony of when they have felt Jesus powerfully speak to them personally either through scripture or the Holy Spirit that they would like to share?*** Jesus has all authority therefore his words come with all authority, he has all power to therefore his words will always be fulfilled. ***With this in mind look at the following scriptures and discuss what are the implications for us?***

- ***Matt 28v18 -20*** (We should obey, take comfort in knowing it will be achieved, not be fearful etc.)
- ***John 14v12-14*** (Look to pray for miracles, healing and expect God to move, trust he has another plan when it doesn't etc.)
- ***John 8v31-36*** (Live in the freedom Christ has given us, not under false guilt or condemnation, seek to know the truth more so we can live in the light of it, Gal5v1 may help)

The Focus of Christ's Words – Jesus' teaching focused on and centred on himself, because he is ultimately all we need for life and godliness. Get different members of the group to read the below scriptures then keep that verse open before them and then when all passages have been read, take it in turns to thank God for what we have received in Jesus.

Ephesians 1v3	Ephesians 1v7	Romans 8v1-2	Romans 3v21-22
2 Corinthians 1v20	2 Corinthians 5v17-18	1 John 5v11-13	2 Corinthians 2v14

Jesus has all authority and has sent us to tell people about him for ultimately, as Jesus said, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom God has sent." John 6v29. ***So, to finish, let us pray that God would give us boldness and an opportunity this week to share with others about Jesus.***

Recommended book to read alongside the bible: **The Incomparable Christ by J. Oswald Sanders.**