

The Mind of Christ

Study Notes for Message on 11th April 2021

Scripture tells us we should have the mind of Christ. But how did Jesus think?

Read John 1 verses 35 to 38.

How would you answer the question of Jesus: 'What do you want?'

What if Jesus really is the source of not only what's good for us, but of our joy?

If 'Following Jesus was all I want,' was true for you. Would you miss anything? Why?

To be human is to be FOR something, to pursue something. Love is an example of a striving, a willingness. **Can you think of any other examples of where what we feel and want goes beyond what we think?**

St Augustine said to God, 'You made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until we find ourselves in you.' **Do you agree?**

Read John 5 verses 19 to 20. We suggested that means we should say to God, 'Father, what are you doing today, and how can I partner with you?'

Can you point to any examples where you felt you were able to partner with God in what he was doing?

Read John 6 verses 35 to 44 and Philippians 1 verse 9. We suggested that what's most important are the fact that God loves people and wants to save as many as respond.

Could you add anything else to that?

Paul said, 'I pray that your LOVE will become more knowledgeable, will have more insight.' We suggested it blesses God, and others, when we organise ourselves to be generous. **Do you agree?**

Finally, we offered a possible action to do. When you wake, before you do anything else, read a couple of verses. Then read and meditate on **John 5 verses 19 to 20**. Then pray, saying, 'Father, I want to be aware of what you're doing, then partner with you. I want to see YOUR delight in my children so that I can delight in them more. I want to see your delight in my family, parents, friends. I want to see your delight in the strangers I meet and how precious they are to you. Then I can delight in them. I want to see your delight in me, how much you love me, so that I find my joy in this.'

Try that this week, and report back to your group.