# OUT: we look to pray, witness and serve

Running Alpha...

After the Easter holidays we want to run an alpha course from the Jubilee Community Café.

The 10 week video based course would run for 1 hour, once a week, and include a Holy Spirit day, usually run on a Saturday.

- Instead of gathering for your weekly small group, you would meet at JCC and host the alpha sessions for the quests that sign up.
- All the talks are done by the Alpha videos, a 2 minute taster is on this link: Alpha Film Series // Promo (youtube.com)
- Your group would have 1 evening of training where we would look at how the café is set up, then each week the format and discussion questions (that are embedded in the videos) are given to you.
- For the first 2 weeks you will have experienced support to help you start well and confidently.
- A prayer support team covers you and the guests in prayer each week and you get to take part in the greatest adventure of all; seeing people encounter the love of God.

If your group is interested please contact Matt Hoyes (matt@jcceg.co.uk) with any questions or ideas.

# You're invited to Alpha.

Small group optional guide: Psalm 118; Cornerstone

# UP; we grow in our love for Jesus through His word and worship

# WORD: Psalm 118: psalms that Jesus quoted

Key verses 22-24

> Jesus the chief cornerstone; let us rejoice and be glad in it! a command to respond to Jesus!

# 1) The rejected stone

Rejection hurts, we need the Lord to help deal with this (Joseph's rejected, sold into slavery / David rejected by his dad and brothers when Samuel came)

### 2) The reference stone

- > What are the requirements for a good reference point
- must be correct and accurate (the way truth and life)
- Reliable, dependable (I am the same yesterday today forever)
- Can't be destroyed (Daniel 2:34,35 the stone broke the feet of the statue)
- Jesus is the reference point for every side of life, all wisdom and salvation.

### 3) The resurrected stone

Acts 3 (a good deed led to this opportunity to speak of the resurrected Jesus) Peter and John healing the lame man; there is salvation in no one else - no other name!

**Application**: 1st Get a grip of the basics;

- I must understand I have a Father who loves me
- I need to hear the voice of God
- I was created to worship him! For his pleasure

"If I understand these; prayer is not a chore, reading the word must happen to hear his voice!"

### Word continued...

2nd we do not ignore our gift and calling

Am I using it? What is my gifting?

3rd have a kingdom mindset

• the garden of gethsemane was an olive oil press, we have times of pressure and pressing, for the oil to flow; not my will but yours be done. Even hard times will produce oil and blessing because WE KNOW there is the third day; there may be pressing and even death BUT there is the 3rd day!!

v24 This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

# Questions to discuss:

- 1) am I an example for believers? For family, friends, neighbours, colleagues, clients?
- 2) What areas in my life could people see and be led to look at Jesus? (where do you stand out?)
- 3) how do I participate in this resurrection life? (Anywhere he went he was a doer of good)
- 4) am I a doer of good?

**WORSHIP:** Graves Into Gardens / Firm Foundations

Mighty To Save / Cornerstone

### IN; we connect and learn to love one another

Words of knowledge: Back pain, pain in the ear, reflux...let us seek the kingdom to come

>> pray for each other if you respond to these and pray into knowing the delight of God.

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Running Alpha...please look at the next page, pray and talk about the possibility of running the alpha course next term...