Small group optional guide Following Jesus: What did Jesus talk about a lot?

IN: FELLOWSHIP

Monday May 1st we will have 2 stalls in the centre of town, team will be serving 1 hour slots from 730am set up team, through to 530pm pack down team; can you help?

OUT: PRAYER

- 1) Alpha starts Wednesday 26th April 8pm-9pm; please pray for the team and pray for the people you will invite.
- 2) Monday's May Fayre; please pray for the team, for the gospel to be shared, for the kingdom to break out in the street and for those in need to know that they can come to JCC

key words from Sunday:

Leonora; I saw an image of what I thought was the earth spinning but I realised it was an eye, that had a screw attached to help it to focus. God wants us to refocus, see what He has done and what He is doing; psalm 19:1 The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

Matt: saw the picture that Pam brought last week, this huge galleon, and noticed it had no space for oars. Some of us have an oar in our hand, feeling like we need to please or work to get into the presence of God...put your oars down, let God be your focus, let his grace gain you access to His love.

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What did Jesus talk about a lot?

Key verses: Isaiah 61:1-2 // Luke 8:4-8

Talk is cheap but True talk is not cheap.

Be aware of idol talk; do not talk one way and live another.

Jesus spoke about:

- Heaven (you never want to miss heaven)
- My father in Heaven
- The kingdom of God (the kingdom of righteousness, peace and love)

How do I gain access to the kingdom:

- ask! And don't give up asking (Matthew 11:12)
- Be dependent on the Holy Spirit, surrender to the will of God
- Be desperate to see the kingdom of God

Discussion q's:

- Q) When did you last talk about heaven? Talk now; what do you know about and look forward to in heaven?
- Q) Do you struggle with the concept that God is a perfect Father? He is a perfect Father, ask the Spirit to help you believe and know Him as your perfect Father.

WORSHIP

Christ is enough / This is Our God / what He's done