

Small Groups @ TBC: Sermon Discussion Notes

Date of Sermon: 8th March 2015

Speaker: David Lawrence

Title: Freed for Love

Introduction:

This is the third in our series on the Cross of Jesus. We have seen that the Cross secures God's 'not guilty' verdict on our lives (*propitiation/ redemption*); it is the place where the price for our freedom from sin is paid (*redemption/ransom*); and it is the place where we are **reconciled** to God and **adopted** into his family.

Review:

Ask one or more of the members of the group to review the talk by sharing what seemed to them to be the most important points being made.

Read

Romans 5:1,2; 9-11 and John 1:12

Reflect

What *encouraged* you from the talk on Sunday?

Was there anything in the talk that you have been thinking about since?

What does it mean to you to have 'peace with God'? When did you first become aware of it and how (perhaps) has your appreciation of it changed over time?

What does the truth that God has adopted us as his own dear children mean to members of the group?

What do you think is the difference between the faith of an atheist; faith of a 'believer'; faith of a servant' and 'faith of a child'? Which best describes your own faith?

What *questions* did the talk and this reading raise in your mind?

Is there anything in the talk that you find *particularly challenging*?

Respond

Love for God: How did this talk speak to you about God's love? How does this talk encourage you to love God?

Love for One Another: How does being offered peace with God affect your relationships with people in your life?

Love for Neighbour & World: How does this talk help us talk about our faith to non-Christians?

And Finally...

- What is the main thing you are taking away as an action point?
- How can we pray for you?
- Is there anything we can check on next time we meet?

Leaders: feel free to be selective and creative with your use of these notes. Don't feel you have to use all of the material, but do try to keep the shape of Review – Read – Reflect - Respond