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BIBLE STUDY 3 - Grow More Like Jesus



Worship

Who is there like you (CD)



Fellowship

Desert Island Disk Game: You've been exiled to a deserted island for a year. You may take one piece of music, one book (which is not the Bible) and one luxury item you can carry with you i.e. not a boat to leave the island! What would you take and why?



Discipleship

Listen to the DVD clip by James

- Why should we grow more like Jesus?
- Reading your Bible.
- Talking with God.
- Giving your money.
- Being part of the family.

Read and Reflect: Luke 8:4-18

- What does the seed represent?
- What does the ground represent?
- What type of ground do you want to be?
- Has anyone had any successful or unsuccessful attempts at gardening they'd like to share? Try and develop the gardening metaphor for Christian maturity further – e.g. what might the rain be? What might the fertiliser be? What tools are needed? etc.
- What other metaphors for spiritual maturity can you think of? What does spiritual maturity look like to you? What are the advantages or benefits? What things preventing you from growing?



Evangelism

- Ask God for a word or 'seed' that you can plant into the life of a non-Christian friend this week.
- Pray for a friend this week, then invite them to either your Purpose Group or to a Sunday service.
- If you have already become a regular financial supporter of the church's work then consider increasing your giving by supporting a missionary.

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Ministry

A time of open prayer. If anyone has a prayer requests then share it with the whole group, and then 2 or 3 people can pray into the request

- If you've never prayed out loud before be brave and try it this is a safe place to try it out for the first time!
- During the prayer time ask God to give you a word of encouragement, a scripture, or a picture to share with the group