

Home Group Notes for 2 December 2018

Welcome

Have you ever had a time of uncertainty that turned out well?

Worship

Let those who wish to share name something that has happened to them or come to their attention recently they would like to thank God for. It can be something personal or something more general.

Then say together this Prayer of Thanksgiving:

Thanks and praise to you,
Jesus Christ, Lord of all,
given the name above every other name.
Jesus, Lord of all,
we worship and adore you.

King of righteousness, King of peace,
enthroned at the right hand of Majesty on high;
Jesus, Lord of all,
we worship and adore you.

Great high priest, living for ever to intercede for us;
Jesus, Lord of all,
we worship and adore you.

Pioneer of our salvation, you bring us to glory
through your death and resurrection;
Jesus, Lord of all,
we worship and adore you.
Every knee bows to you;
every tongue confesses, you are Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

Amen

Word

- Read **Luke 1:1-4**. Who was Luke writing his gospel for and what was its purpose?
- How did Luke try to express this certainty to Theophilus? Look at some or all of the following passages:
 - **Luke 2:8-14**. Unpack the angel's words.
 - **Luke 4:16-21**. What is the significance of what is happening here?
 - **Luke 8:22-25**. What point is Luke making through this story?
 - **Luke 8:40-56**. What is happening here and why do you think Luke included these two events in his gospel?
 - **Luke 9:10-17**. What does this emphasise for Theophilus?
 - **Luke 12:22-34**. What does this tell Theophilus about God's attitude to him as an individual believer (and so by extension what does it tell us about God's attitude to us?)
 - **Luke 24:13-27**. What did the disciples tell Jesus about? What was Jesus' response? What gave them certainty that it was Jesus who has walked with them (vv30-33)?
- With reference to **Luke 1:4** explore all the ways in which we are given 'certainty of the things we have been taught'.

Witness:

- Pray for our services and activities in the Advent/Christmas period that, through them, the people who come will be drawn to Jesus.
- Pray for the needs of our town and especially for those who for a variety of reasons may not find Christmas an easy time.
- Remember the needs of the wider world and those we know who are sick or are in need.