



Prayer Evening

Sunday 3rd April 7.30pm - 9pm
(drinks from 7.15pm)

Worship and prayer, with a particular focus this month on Outreach as well as the continuing Migrant Crisis and for Syria

Exploring Membership Day

Sat 14th May 9.30am – 4.30pm

A day to help you find out more about King's Church, chat to the leaders and get to know others who are new to the church. Lunch and refreshments included. To book in, please speak to Rich, Jeff or Al.



Diary Dates

Sun 3rd Apr	7.30pm Monthly Prayer Evening (drinks from 7.15pm)
Sat 14th May	9.30am Exploring Membership Day (see above)
Sat 28th May - Wed 1st June	Catalyst Festival at Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire Our annual weekend away together as a church. The festival will miss a year in 2017 so don't miss out this time. Cheaper prices extended until 17 th April. Book at: catalystnetwork.org/festival
Sun 29th May	No King's Church Sunday Meeting due to the Catalyst Festival

Sunday 3rd April

CONNECT WITH THE MESSAGE

Security is Bliss

Psalm 1

1) What would be your "blessing" meals? (favourite, boring and hated but healthy)

Read Psalm 1

2) What is the message of this Psalm? Did Ryan's preaching challenge, change or helpfully add to what you might have previously thought about it?

3) In what ways can we prosper as Christians?

4) Are there any dreams you feel God has given you for something but that you have given up on? (E.g. salvation of people you know or being involved in another aspect of God's mission)

Have you tested them against the Bible / shared them with fellow Christians? If they still seem to be of God, try and get them back into your prayer life.

Read Matthew 7:24-27

5) What do you think the house represents in this parable?

6) Which things do you still build your life on other than Jesus and his words? Why is this foolish?

7) How is Jesus our ultimate example of the wise builder?

Read Deuteronomy 28:1-6

8) How do we receive commands from God? What is the most reliable and authoritative way?

9) If we as Christians followed all of God's commandments would we see all this material blessing? What does the New Testament lead us to expect?

10) What will be the ultimate fulfilment of these Old Testament promises and when will we receive it?

DIGGING DEEPER

Read Philippians 3:1-4:1 & 4:4

- a) Who is Paul referring to in verse 3:2? (see also 3:4b)
- b) How are these people like the foolish builder in Jesus' parable (Matt 7:24)?
- c) In which external things are you tempted to put your confidence before God?
- d) What does Paul mean about counting all of his list as loss?
- e) Why is this pretty dramatic for someone like him?
- f) How do we balance Paul's call to rejoice with his desire to share in Jesus' sufferings?
- g) Paul seems to be striving for perfection (v12-14). How does this fit with justification through faith alone?
- h) Paul calls us to follow his example (v17). How can we do this and stay away from legalism (believing our works will save or condemn us)?
- i) Do you still strive for perfection, to be like Jesus?
- j) Which things in life have distracted you from this goal and what from your past do you still carry as burdens?
- k) Ask God to reveal some of these things. Spend time praying for God's help for each one, as well as for the grace to rejoice in the Lord always.

CONNECT IN PRAYER

Personal & Church Outreach

- Pray for faith to keep going in your own witness to and prayers for the people you know who are not yet Christians.
- Pray that the many guests who attended our Easter events would find appropriate ways to follow up their interest, and reconnect with God.
- Pray for more and more ways for people to engage with the good news of Jesus through events and activities at King's Church.

Syria

- Pray that the fragile "cessation of hostilities" agreement, which has been in place since the end of February, builds into a permanent peace.
- Pray for the 4.8 million Syrians who've become refugees, and for the Christian agencies like Tearfund and their partners who are providing material, emotional and psychosocial support to many 1000s of them.
- Thank God that many churches have become centres for aid in dangerous places where conventional agencies can't get through.