

Healthy Christianity

- 1) If you could do one thing different in 2014, what would it be?
- 2) What do you think was the most helpful thing Rich said on Sunday? Why?
- 3) Read **Jeremiah 31v31-34**
 - a) i) In what ways does this passage describe the new covenant?
 - ii) What do you think it really means to 'know God'?
 - iii) What is your personal experience of knowing God?
 - iv) What do you think it means when it says that God will 'put the law in their minds and write it on their hearts'?
- b) Read **Proverbs 3v1-11**, describing some aspects of living life God's way.
 - i) How does **v5 and 6** instruct us to live?
 - ii) In what ways do you personally struggle to live this way?
 - iii) Which, if any, of the proverbs in this passage most challenge you in the way you live?
 - iv) What consequences are stated for someone living God's way? Is this always true? How do we understand them in light of Jesus?

c) Read Isaiah 61v1-3

i) What aspects of the kingdom of God are described here?

In **Luke 4v16-21**, Jesus applies this passage to himself.

ii) In what ways can we as Jesus' church continue to fulfill this passage?

iii) In what ways could you personally make a difference for God?

DIGGING DEEPER

Read Genesis 1v26-28 and 2v15-18

a) What do you think it means to be made in the image of God?

b) What commands does God give in these passages? Are they mainly liberating or restrictive?

c) What can you learn about God's way for us to live from these commands?

d) For each command, write down how you think Christians can fulfill them today?

e) What do you personally need to do in response to these commands?

f) Why do you think God says 'it is not good for man to be alone' in **2v18**?

g) What are the implications of this verse for you personally? How does God resolve this in **2v19-25**? Does this fully resolve the issue? What about single people like Jesus?

h) How much do you think God's kingdom coming in the midst of an ungodly culture can be found prefigured in these verses?

i) How do you think the fall should alter our response to these commands, if at all? Why?

CONNECT IN PRAYER

The **Alpha Course** has been cancelled and we won't be running the next course until **September 2014**. Now is a great time to pray about friendships that are growing and to use the knowledge and skills from the contagious Christian course we have done recently in group. The main way people come on Alpha is by personal invite!

We are sending a team of people to **South Africa and Lesotho** in **February 2014** to get involved in the mission over there. Please pray for the team as they get involved in a variety of projects.

CONNECT WITH CHURCH LIFE

Prayer Week: We have our next prayer week from **Sun 19th – Sat 25th Jan**. This is a great opportunity to get together and pray about the year ahead.

We are officially recognising Al and Jeff as Elders on our **Eldership Sunday** on **Sun 16th March** at **3pm**. This is instead of a morning service.