

## CONNECT WITH THE MESSAGE

### The Centrality of the Cross – Steve Daughtery

- 1) What is the single possession you are most proud of/pleased with?
- 2) Was there anything Steve said on Sunday that you found particularly helpful or challenging? What was it and why?
- 3) Read **Galatians 6v11-18**
  - a) v11 - What single piece of advice would you give to King's Church or to Southover Church for their witness in Lewes?
  - b) v12 - Why were certain members of the Galatian church trying to encourage newly converted gentile men to be circumcised?
  - c) In what sense is "the cross" plus "something else" a perversion of the gospel? (See also 1v6-7).
  - d) What is the essential difference between "If I live to please you then you will love me (more)" vastly different to "you love me so I want to live to please you"? Why is the former "no gospel at all"?
- 4) **The Centrality of the Cross**
  - a) Paul says in v14, "May I never boast except in the cross of Christ". What does he mean when he says "Boast"?
  - b) What is the essential difference between Christian religion and Christian Faith? Would you call yourself "religious" (why or why not)?
  - c) People (for example: School Governors' and Politicians) often say "we are Christian because we have Christian values", are they right or are they missing the point?

## 5) The Offence of the Cross

- a) Why did God send Jesus to die on a cross? This is a wide question – you may want to focus on:
  - What was God's motivation (love, justice)?
  - What was actually happening on the cross (substitution, propitiation, example, submission)?
  - What did the cross achieve (salvation, redemption, freedom, reconciliation, healing)?
- b) v12 (see also Gal 5v11) - Which concepts above are difficult for people to understand and to accept? Which are offensive and why?
- c) v13 - Why would people want to boast about their religious practice?

## 6) The Beauty of the Cross

- a) v14 - What for you, is the most glorious thing about the cross?
- b) v15 - What sort of things does our culture glory in?
- c) If we glory in God, how does that help us overcome the temptations for glory in the world?
- d) v15 - In what sense are we a new creation?
- e) v16 - How does glorying in the cross give us peace?

## CONNECT IN PRAYER

Please pray for the team in **Lesotho**. They have a busy schedule in Clarens (South Africa) and Lesotho! Pray that the team would get on well together and that they would be effective in the projects they get involved with. Pray for friendships to grow with individuals and with the churches out there.

There is a **Gift Day** on **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March**. Please begin to think and pray about what God is calling you to give.

## CONNECT WITH CHURCH LIFE

The **Exploring Membership Day** is on **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March**. If you are thinking of joining the church this is great chance to chat to the Elders and find out what God is doing here at King's Church.

**Eldership Sunday** is on the **16<sup>th</sup> March** at **3pm**. This is an exciting time in the King's Church calendar where we see Al and Jeff formerly recognised as Elders. Please Note: This replaces the morning service.

**Quiz Night** is on the **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**. King's Church quiz nights are always good fun with good food and good company. Start to think about who you could invite to be on the winning team! Tickets and more information will be available nearer the time.