

For Further Study

Fellowship Group Notes

24th May 2020



WESTBOURNE PARK
BAPTIST CHURCH



Welcome

What was the last thing you had to make preparations for? Was it a party, a holiday, the birth of a child or to start a new chapter of life? What did you have to do? Why did you make the effort to prepare something? Was there anything you forgot or were unprepared for?



Worship

Read Ecclesiastes 5:1-3 as a preparation for worship, maybe spend a few minutes in confession:

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

- I surrender all

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UtuRB4VhN_A

- How deep the Father's love

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tzQj7XvKFmA>

Word

Read 1 Peter Chapter 1 v13 to Chapter 2 v3

- What "action" do we need to prepare our minds for v13?
- How do we actually prepare our minds? If you look at a "Couch to 5k" training programme it gives you some ideas as to what to do and what not to do to prepare for a 5k run. How could these be adapted to preparing our minds?
- What can we do to stay continually prepared? Are there times when we need to be more prepared than others?
- V4 starts, "As obedient children do not conform..." what voices are we to listen to and which ones do we resist? How do we tell them apart?
- What does it mean to know you have been redeemed v18? And, how does that feel?
- How true is the expression, "Short Term Pain, Long Term Gain" when applied to v22-25?
- How do we "rid ourselves" of all the things in chapter 2 verses 1-3?

Witness

Has anybody shared something of their faith during this last week? If so, give space to listen and to pray for that encounter...

