

Fulwood Free Methodist Church

Message Series: Set Free

Unpacking what it means to be “born again”



Week two – Believing in Jesus

Sunday Morning 20th January 2019

Questions for Personal and Home Group Study

These questions are based around the content of today's talks at our morning services and it will also be useful to listen to the podcast and consider the key Bible verses.

Key Bible verses:

Romans 3:21-26 & Luke 9:22-26

1. If someone asked, "What is the historical evidence for Jesus," what would you say to them?

2. Romans 3:25 talks about "Christ as a sacrifice of atonement...."
 - What did the original readers of Paul's letters understand by Christ being a 'sacrifice of atonement'? (see also Hebrews 9:11-15)
 - What does it mean for us today?

3. Why did Jesus do miracles? (see John 3:2)
 - What is the purpose of miracles in the early Church and today? (Mark 16:17-18 & Acts 3:1-10)

4. Look at Ephesians 2:8 & 9
 - Why is this teaching on grace unique to the Christian faith?
 - How do we explain "Grace" to those asking about the basis of our faith?
 - How does it affect the way we live?

5. When did the message of God's grace and his provision for us in Jesus become real to you?
 - Did you find it easy to accept that Jesus had died in your place?

6. A preacher once said "Christians are dead men walking"
 - Is that a bit strong? (consider Luke 9:23-26)
 - What does this mean for the way we live our lives?
 - Should it impact what you are planning to do today or tomorrow?

Set Free:

In this series we are looking at what it means to say someone is born again and set free.

It all starts with the Spirit of God seeking the lost and revealing to us that we need a Saviour and His name is Jesus. As we accept Jesus as our Saviour the Spirit convicts us of the need for repentance before our Father. As a sign and seal of what has taken place we are baptised and finally the Spirit who started the whole birthing process seals us with his indwelling presence and gives us gifts. In new testament times this process often took less than 24 hours and the new believers were radically different from their former selves. In the contemporary UK church scene this process can take years and leads to many problems and often ineffective disciples. The aim of the course is to put our understanding of what being "born again" is all about back on track with Scripture and help us be disciples who make disciples.

13th Jan –New Beginnings

20th Jan – Believing in Jesus

27th Jan – Repentance towards a Holy God

3rd Feb – Baptism in Water

10th Feb – Sealed by the Spirit

17th Feb – Becoming a disciple