



## Life Group Notes: 'Prayer - The Power of the Word'

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2019

### READ THESE VERSES TOGETHER:

#### GENESIS 1:1-4:

*1 In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. 2 The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. 3 And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. 4 And God saw that the light was good.*

#### ISAIAH 55:10-11:

*10 For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, 11 so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty [or void], but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.*

#### HEBREWS 4:12:

*For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.*

### INTRODUCTION:

From the very beginning, God has used words to create and change things. In Genesis we see that God used his words to create something out of nothing – the earth was “*without form and void*”. The meaning of the word ‘void’ includes: completely empty, invalid, ineffective, inoperative, useless and worthless. God created light where there was no light by just speaking into the darkness.

In Isaiah 55 above, God says that his word does “*not return to me empty [or void]*”. By saying this God is telling us that his word will **always** succeed and triumph. Hebrews 4:12 also tells us that the word of God is living and active, meaning that its words have power.

Using the bible – the word of God - is a very powerful and effective weapon in prayer. Speaking out what God says and praying it changes situations and people’s lives. I encourage you to find verses that relate to what you are praying about and use them in prayer. Speak them over your own and other people’s lives, then believe in faith that God will cause his word to come to pass and succeed. God says: “*it shall accomplish that which I purpose*”. What an amazing promise!

## **ACTION POINTS & PRAYER:**

This year in Life Groups we will be focusing more attention on prayer. The Bible instructs us to '*pray without ceasing*' (1 Thessalonians 5:17). Prayer is the engine room of the church and without prayer, we will not see God do significant things through us personally, through the corporate church and in our city and nations.

Please spend some time praying together. There are some prayer points below to concentrate on in your groups. Please also to continue to pray about these during the next month.

### **King's Church Leaders:**

- **Pastor Phil and the Elders** – pray for Godly wisdom, strength and protection for Phil, Steve, Jean Louis and Lee and their families. It is important to continue to pray for our church leaders.
- **Leadership growth:** Pray for more people to be released into every area of leadership: at home, at work, in local communities, within the church and further afield. Also pray about and consider signing up for the Leadership 360 course starting in May.

### **Marriage Course:**

The Marriage Course is starting in May – pray that marriages, relationships and families will be strengthened as people learn more about marriage with Jesus at the centre.

This is a free course so if you are married or are planning on getting married, please sign up if you can.

### **Outreach:**

- **Alpha Course - Eddington:** Pray that those signed up to Alpha will have a personal encounter with Jesus. Also pray for wisdom and strength for the Alpha team.
- **King's on the Streets & Mission Cambridge:** Pray that all the seeds sown in so many people's lives will bear good fruit and that many will be impacted and changed by the good news and love of Jesus.
- **Evangelism 360:** Pray that more people will be emboldened and empowered to share Jesus with others. Please consider signing up for the next one day course, which is on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June.

### **Unity:**

Pray for each other and that the unity, friendships and love will be strengthened in our Life Groups and in all of our King's Church family.

**The UK:** Continue to pray and declare biblical truth over our nation!