



St Peter's Yateley Home Groups

Summer Term 2024 – The Big Picture – Reaching Out

Week 1 – Beginning 22nd April

“Get Ready For Reaching Out!”

The Aim of the Session

To understand the importance and urgency of the Gospel of Jesus ...

- **Welcome**

What is best news you have received in the last year or two, that you have been so excited to share?

- **Worship**

Read I Corinthians 15:1-8 and praise God!

- **Word**

- What are your top three priorities in life at the moment?
- How do you work out which is the most important?
- Is “urgent” more important than “important”? Or Vice Versa!?
- What is the difference?

Read Matthew 28:16-20

- ❖ Why was it important that the disciples went to the mountain?
- ❖ Why might some have doubted?
- ❖ What words would you use to describe the scene and why?
- ❖ When did Jesus use his authority in his ministry? Think of some examples.
- ❖ Who recognised it (Matthew 8:8-13)?
- ❖ What happens if we do not accept Jesus' authority?

A challenge ...

- How would you word the command that Jesus gave to his disciples, without using the words he did?
- Be prepared to argue your use of words and (gently) challenge each other!

Discuss ...

- Is the Great Commission (what these verses are called) an “order”?
- Are any Christians “exempt” from obeying it?
- Is it “important”? Why or why not?
- Is it “urgent”? Why or why not?
- What does this say to those who say “I can be a Christian and not go to Church”?
- What will the disciples that result from obeying this Commission actually do?
- What happens if the Church disobeys the Great Commission?

The “problem” with the Great Commission is (like the Command in John 13:34-35 to Love one another), we are often guilty of watering these down to meet our own needs and priorities. Our Year of Reaching Out is, in the light of this, not an “optional extra” but putting the Great Commission into practice in a radical and real way.

- **Works**

- ❖ What has God said to you through this study?
- ❖ How has he challenged you?
- ❖ How has he encouraged you? Read verse 20 again!

As a House Group, you should be now nearing completion in the preparation of your outreach event for the week of Monday 13th May – please take some time to plan further, send your plans to the office and use the rest of your time together to pray: Who are you planning to ask to the event? What is the main aim? What discussion topics will you all want to gently introduce? Ask God to guide you!



Next session ...

Week 2 – Week Beginning 29th April – **“Healing and Wholeness”**

What do we mean by Healing and Wholeness? How can we find it in Jesus?