

**'The Real Jesus' – Part 39    Matt 17v1-13**

- 1) *Have you had a 'mountain top' experience similar to what Rich was talking about on Sunday?*
- 2) *What did you find most challenging or inspiring from Sunday's message? Why?*
- 3) Read Psalm 63 in which King David describes his own desire to personally encounter God.

**DESIRE**

a).i) *How strongly does v1 tell us that David desires to encounter God?  
In what ways does he express this desire?*

ii) *How does your own desire to encounter God compare with what is written in v1?*

iii) *In what ways are you currently seeking to encounter God in the way Rich described?*

iv) *How could you increase your own desire to meet God more powerfully?*

**DETERMINATION**

b) i) *What reasons does David give in the rest of the Psalm for his determination to seek God?*

ii) *What things does he resolve to do in order to keep seeking God?*

iii) *Would some of the resolutions in your answer to Q b) ii help you to seek God?*

iv) *How can you make sure that you don't stop seeking God when your desire to seek him is low?*

c) *Try praying the Psalm aloud and using it as your own prayer to God. You may well want to add extra bits in your own words in place.*

#### 4) Digging Deeper Question – for those who want a bit of extra study

Read Exodus 34v29-35

- a) *What similarities does this have with the transfiguration?*
- b) *What differences does this have with the transfiguration?*
- c) *How is Moses's role different in the transfiguration account?*

Read Deut 18v15-19

- d) *How does this help us understand the transfiguration?*

Read 2 Corinthians 3v12-18

- e) *What does this passage say about our participation in glorious encounters with God?*

#### **Please Pray:**

**Alpha Course:** Please pray for a great response to the Alpha meal on **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January 7pm at Prezzo**. Please pray that there will be a huge turnout. Please also pray specifically that God would give you an opportunity to invite someone and for the courage to step out in faith and do it! As Jeff showed us with his video of testimonies - stepping out and inviting just one person could make such a difference to seeing lives changed.

#### **Notices:**

**Alpha Meal:** Is on **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January 7pm at Prezzo**. Only a week to go! Make sure you invite people this week!

**Together @ Plumpton 2012: 6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> June.** The **29<sup>th</sup> February** is the cut-off date for the lower priced tickets, so please complete and return your forms to Sue or Cat ASAP! Please make your cheques payable to King's Church Lewes.

**Guest Speaker:** Wallace Benn, Bishop of Lewes, will be preaching on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January.