

'The Real Jesus' – Part 42 Matt 18v15-35

1) *Have you had a personal experience of resolving relational problems with other believers?*

2) Read the passage Matt 18v15-35:

What would you say was the most important point Rich made from the passage on Sunday? Why?

3) Read John 13v34,35:

a) i) *What does Jesus command us to do and why?*

ii) *What do you think some consequences could be if we don't obey this command?*

b) Real love is best seen when things get difficult. Read 1 Corinthians 13v4-8 where Paul is describing real love to a church with lots of relational problems.

i) *For each characteristic of real love, describe how you would show it in a difficult situation or towards people that you have relational problems with.*

Patience

Kindness

Does not envy

Does not boast

It is not proud

It is not rude

Does not delight in evil

Rejoices with the truth

Always protects

Always trusts

Always hopes

Always perseveres

Never fails

c) Read Ephesians 4v32

i) *Why does this say we should forgive and love each other?*

ii) *Is there anything you feel God speaking to you about from this passage that you need to address?*

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

Read Galatians 5v19-23 where Paul contrasts life 'in the flesh' v19-21 with life 'in the spirit' v22-23. Many of the characteristics in both lists apply directly to relational problems within church.

- a) *Which of the characteristics in v19-21 can apply to relational problems in church?*
- b) *Often the 'seeds' of these characteristics start very small. What would the very beginning of each characteristic in the list look like if it began in your life?*
- c) *How can you prevent any of these seeds growing in you?*
- d) *The fruits of the spirit are mainly about how we get on together in church life.*
- i) *Pray through the list asking God to make these fruit grow more in you.*
- ii) *Which ones do you feel you need to especially improve on? How could you do this?*

Please Pray:

Berlin Church Plant: Nigel has given us the following points to pray about:

- 1. For a season of deepening our relationships with Jesus and with one another in the context of an increasingly loving and Spirit-filled community.
- 2. For us to continue to grow numerically, both the core team and the church plant itself.
- 3. To see the city impacted by God's love.
- 4. For healthy finances, wise decisions about pacing and protection over our amazing venue.
- 5. For God to provide us with a creative solution to our lack of worship leader.
- 6. For all of our meetings to be characterised by the presence of God.
- 7. For good relationships with other churches across the city.

Alpha: Please continue to pray for the four guests we have on Alpha. That there will be good discussions and that people will come to know Jesus through Rich's teaching.

[In]Fusion: Please pray for Jack and Rachel that they lead well, come up with good ideas and build good relationships with the kids. Please pray that they will grow to over 20 in the coming year and that they will start to see some of the kids come along on a Sunday morning.

Notices:

Church Together is on Wednesday the **22nd Feb at 7.45pm**. Please note: there will be no small group this week.

Regional Celebration with Dave Connolly is on **Sunday 26th February at 7pm**. The Wealden churches will be joining together at **Hailsham Community College** for a time of praise and worship with guest speaker Dave Connolly from Frontline Church in Liverpool.

Guest speaker **Graham Marsh** will be with us on **Sunday 26th February**.

Exploring Membership Day is on **Saturday 17th March**. If you are new to King's and are interested in joining, this is for you! Please speak to Rich or Chris for more details.