

1) *What is the most recent answered prayer you have had?*

2) Read the passage Matt 21v12-22:

What did you find most helpful from Rich's talk on Sunday and why?

3) a) Read James 4v8

i) *What do you think it means for God to 'come near' to you?*

ii) *What do you think it is like being 'near' God?*

iii) *What does this say we need to do for God to 'come near' to us?*

iv) *In what practical ways can you 'come near' to God more often?*

v) *In what ways could you motivate yourself to keep coming near to God?*

b) Read Ephesians 6v18:

i) *What do you think 'pray in Spirit' means?*

ii) *How could you 'pray in the spirit' more effectively?*

iii) *What do you think praying 'on all occasions' means?*

iv) *What steps could you take to help you to do this more?*

v) *What do you think Paul means when he says that we should pray with 'all kinds of prayers and requests'?*

vi) *How do you think you could become better at this?*

4) *Is there anything that God has been doing in your life in the last few weeks that you could share with your small group?*

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

Read Exodus 32v9-14

- a) *Why did God want to destroy the Israelites?*
- b) *How does Moses try to persuade God to change his mind?*
- c) *Why do you think God did not do what he had said he would?*
- d) *Do you think God really changed his mind? Why?*
- e) *What lessons does this account teach you about how you pray?*

Please Pray:

Rich, Lally, Chris and Layla will be attending **the 'Together for the Nation' - Elders and Wives Weekend in Nottingham on Thursday 26th – Saturday 28th April**. Please pray that they have an excellent time of teaching and refreshing.

Please pray for the **Freedom in Christ course** that started last Wednesday. Pray for Jack as he runs this course, that he would speak well and that the evenings would run smoothly. Also pray that those attending will really get to grips with their freedom in Christ.

Sunday Mornings. Please pray for more of the presence of God in the worship and during the morning. Pray that we will come ready and expecting to encounter God every Sunday as a church family.

Notices:

Eurocafé will be on **Monday 30th April at 7.30pm**. Practice your French/German in a relaxed atmosphere. Remember what you already know and learn some more. No homework, just great coffee!

Bible by the Beach is on **Friday 4th - Mon 7th May** at the Congress Theatre in Eastbourne. Please visit www.biblebythebeach.org for more information and to book in.

We have **Baptisms** on **Sunday 13th May**. This is a great service to bring friends and family along to. If you have not been baptised and would like to be, please speak to Rich or Chris.

We are having a **Church BBQ** on **Sunday 20th May**. This will be held at Abbots Wood and will be straight after the morning service. More information including a map of how to get there and details of what to bring will be available shortly.

Church Together is on **Thursday 24th May at 7.45pm**. Please note that there will be no Small Group this week.