



3. our relationships

Oct 6th '19

Combined with this mini-series looking at the Lordship of Jesus we've had Gift Days and also a Ministry Fair. Start with a time of prayer – committing this giving to God. Ask that He would give us faith so our giving can be sustained. And pray that anyone who's wanting to find how they, too, can be involved in ministry – that they find where they "fit". Thank God for how He shapes us to serve Him – spiritual gifts, heart, abilities, personality & experience.

1. Read Ephesians 1:15-23.

- i) First make a list of the things Paul mentions that God has given us. Why do we need to be reminded of these things?
- ii) What can we learn from this example about the way we should pray for our fellow-Christians? When we do so, what should be our chief interest & concern?
- iii) What are the three great spiritual truths which Paul here prays that his readers might grasp?
- iv) What do verses 20-23 say about Jesus in relation to God, other powers & authorities, and the church? In the light of these verses, has our understanding of Jesus been big enough? What should our response to Him be?

2. Over these 3 weeks we're looking at giving in terms of our resources, our responsibilities & our relationships. Think practically of what it might mean to you to say "Jesus is Lord of my *relationships*"? We talked about asking God to open our eyes, our hearts & our hands. Share some stories of how God has been at work in your relationships recently.

Spend time praying specifically for God to be glorified in our relationships and make us a blessing to others.

Pray for Alpha this week - Charlotte's speaking on "Who is Jesus?"