



Hill Cliffe Study Guide
Sunday 30 April 2023
Week 3 – Saved for a Better Life with God

1. What struck you most from Sunday's Sermon?

God's mission is to rescue and redeem people's lives (not just their souls), for a relationship with Him – and to enjoy a better life with Him.

John 10.9-10 *The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy, but I have come that you might have life, and life in all its fulness.*

2. How does God go about saving our lives – so that we can experience the better life with God with increasing fulness?
3. What are you most thankful to God for in recent weeks or months, for how he is saving (rescuing and restoring) your life?

God's mission for a better life is wholistic – it's about restoring and renewing our personal lives and relationships and working lives in God's wisdom and power; it's also about restoring and renewing society's broken places and systems in light of God's justice and righteousness; it's also about bringing hope and a future to all peoples of all parts of society and all nations in the name of Jesus; it's also about loving and caring for God's creation. He is saving and restoring all of it.

God has invited us not just to be recipients of the better life with God – He also invites us to partner with him in this amazing rescue and restoration work for the benefit of others too.

4. How does this make you feel about God?

Please read John 4.31-34

5. What insight does this passage give into the depth of Jesus' satisfaction in doing the will and work of his Father?

Please read Colossians 3.23-24

This passage encourages us to see our everyday work and relationships (whatever we do) as part of the great mission of God to bless all people and restore broken lives and society in the light of God's truth and love?

6. How might this way of thinking transform your attitude to your work and your workplace (or everyday) relationships?

Please read Luke 4.1-8

7. How will our everyday enjoyment of the Lord, and trust in the Lord, help us overcome temptation from the devil?