

"Bittersweet" Study notes 16/11/25

Mark 14: 13-26

Read again the verses in Mark 14 verses 13-26.

Herbie is around 9 or 10 years old. What did you think of his letter to God, saying "Count me in"?

What does Jesus mean, when he says to enter The Kingdom of heaven, we must become like children?

Jesus pre-planned arrangements for the Passover meal. Why did he do this and how does it help in our understanding of God?

Jesus could see into Judas's heart, and likewise can see into ours too. How does this make you feel?

Read Luke 15: 3-7.

What does this tell us of how God loves us?

Re-read verse 5. Let this sink in and reflect on what it means for us individually.

And in particular what it means in the light of the New Covenant, demonstrated by Jesus breaking bread and pouring wine in Mark?

Inevitably we mess up and sin against God and our neighbour. Read, Matthew 5:25, Ephesians 4:26 and Ephesians 4:32 What does this tell us of how we should respond when we sin? In church we often hear the phrase "to keep short accounts" with God, as the above verses demonstrate.

This can be difficult, but why is it good practise to try and follow this?

What do you think about being "healed from the memory of sin?" Why is it so important?

The Lord's Prayer taught by Jesus is easily learned and is good to go to for help when we feel lost or struggling for whatever reason in our lives. Have you got any other examples of verses of scripture that help you, that you could share in your homegroup?