

Connect Group Notes

Sermon: Why Religion is Toxic

Reading: Luke 6: 1-11

Date: 6th October 2024 (AM)

Introduction

Have you had any answers to prayer in the last week? Any opportunities to talk to someone about the Lord? Any encouragements from your Bible reading? Spend a few minutes sharing personal prayer requests and pray for one another.

Bible Study

[Leaders, no questions suite every small group. Please adapt them to your own group]

Read Luke 6:1-11

1. What wrong ideas about God have you come across? How might you respond to those who reject the "Head Teacher God"?
2. What barriers might we (deliberately or unknowingly) erect around God? How can we help bring them down so people can meet the real Jesus?
3. What makes you (really) tired? How can Jesus offer of rest help you?
4. How does Jesus power to restore give you hope in a broken world? Share hopes and pray for areas where Jesus can restore.

Further thinking:

- Why might the use of the word 'restore' be significant? (Acts 3:21)
- Where does the theme of Sabbath in the Bible reach its fulfilment? (Hebrews 4)
- Luke's gospel contains Seven Sabbath Days, culminating in the 'Jubilee' which he promised to bring - is this a coincidence, or symbolically significant? - Read more: <https://theopolisinstitute.com/luke-gospel-of-seven/>

Prayer

What is one lesson, challenge or encouragement you will take away from this passage? Share it with the rest of the group and pray about it together.