

Resurrection: John 13



This is the first in our new series taking us through the Easter events leading up to the resurrection, following the account in John's gospel.

Sam led us through the final meal Jesus had with his disciples, focusing on the priority Jesus gave to relationships and community. He made three main points:

- i. The priority of people: Jesus spent his final hours with his friends rather than in other activities.
- ii. The priority of serving: Jesus broke all expectations of position by washing the disciples' feet.
- iii. Overcoming betrayal: Jesus sat next to Judas who was to betray him.

To end, Sam give us 10 practical points by which we can develop a deeper community life:

- a) Come to the meeting in time for refreshments (10am/3pm) and stay afterwards.
- b) Talk to people you don't know.
- c) Invite people to your home for a drink/meal.
- d) Join a life group.
- e) Join a serving team and get to know the other members.
- f) Open up your circle of friends to others.
- g) Drop in on someone uninvited.
- h) Invite others to join you in doing things you like.
- i) Give up an evening a week during Lent to invite others to your home.
- j) Involve your children in your community activities to model relationships for them.

We may find some of these challenging, because of our busy-ness, limited capacity, shy personality or social anxiety, but they are ways we can grow personally and in community.

Questions

1. Discuss how you can develop community using Sam's 10 points above.
2. How can your life group develop a stronger sense of community?
3. How do we deal with any sense of disappointment or betrayal from our Christian brothers and sisters?