

Life Group Questions

Mark 12

- Scripture readings: *Mark 12:1-27* *Luke 18: 9-14* *Genesis 12:1-3*
Isaiah 56:4-8 *2Peter 8-9* *Ephesians 2:1-10* *Galatians 3:26-29*
Exodus 3:1-14
- How do you discern between properly celebrating and using a person's God given gifts and talents and emphasising aspects of a Christian life to the point where pride and elitism can take hold?
- Have you experienced instances of 2 tier Christianity. How did it make you feel at the time? How equal open and welcoming do you feel our church is and what could you suggest to make this more so?
- Only God can save, that being so what is the purpose of mission?
- There were two "models" of the relationship between self, church and the world illustrated on Sunday. Do you recognise these two models, and how do you feel about the contrasts between them?
- Archbishop William Temple (1881-1944) said: *"The Church is the only institution that exists primarily for the benefit of those who are not its members."* Do you agree or if we are really honest do you think it primarily exists for those who are already members?
- How do you think those outside the Tamworth Elim Church (churchgoers elsewhere and those of no faith) view who we are and what we do? Are there things we should stop doing or do in a different way so that we are not an obstacle to people coming to faith?
- *"Every Christian is a missionary. Every place is a mission field. Our own salvation is part of God's universal, eternal saving plan"*. Do you agree and how does this work out in practice? "How like Moses at the burning bush" do you feel when faced with sharing your faith?
- The Tamworth Elim Church's vision statement for 2020 is based on three words REACH, GROW and EQUIP. Do you feel part of this vision. Achieving this may require us to change individually and collectively. How do you feel about the challenges and changes this could involve?

Feel free to use all, some, none of these discussion topics as you wish in the time available