

Questions for Midweek Groups – Lent 2010

Week 1 - 'Sheep without a shepherd'

Bible reading: Mark 6:30 – 34 cf. Numbers 27:16 – 18; 1Samuel 16:7; 2Chronicles 18:15 – 17; 2Chronicles 16:9; Matthew 9:35 -38.

When Jesus looked around him he saw a people who were like 'sheep without a shepherd' and he had compassion on them.

Questions to answer...

- 1 What do I 'see' when I look at the world around me?
- 2 What can we (as a group of Christians) affirm in what we 'see'?
- 3 What might we want to challenge?
- 4 How can we 'see' as Jesus sees?

Action point... This week - go into the neighbourhood locally and spend time walking around and 'listen' or 'see' the world from Jesus' point of view. Make a note of anything that you want to affirm or challenge. You may be surprised!

True story: A group of pilgrims went to a country town to look for God in unusual places. They were given £1 each for sustenance during the day. They were led past the council offices, shops etc and into the train and bus stations and then let loose to wander around. One group found a local church who was hosting a lecture and there was a lunch with it. They asked if they could join in but were told that the event cost £3 per person. They explained that they only had £1 each and were asked to leave. Another group went to a 'greasy spoon' near the bus station where it was run down. They asked the café owner what they could have for a pound. He said he'd do them cheese on toast and would throw in a cup of tea. As they ate their meal they noticed the owner giving an obviously homeless woman a free meal.

When we go looking for God – we find him in unusual places and not always where we expect to find him!