

Life Group Notes:

Week Beginning 10 March 2019

Music to the Ears: We, not I

Psalm 33:20-22

Unlike many of the other Psalms, this is a community song. The focus is on ‘we’ not ‘I’. So there is a collective, congregational, communal waiting, hoping and rejoicing expressed in this Psalm. It is something we do together. The Psalm is an anthem or hymn that was sung congregationally. It’s not clear who the ‘we’ are, but it may well have been worshippers gathered at the temple.

Read the whole of Psalm 33

1. How does the Psalmist describe God?

Take a few moments to offer some prayers of collective praise to God

Simon gave a brief overview of the doctrine of the Trinity (teaching about the nature of God. The word ‘trinity’ doesn’t occur in the Bible but was first used by the theologian Tertullian in around 200AD as a one word description of the nature of God.).

2. How do the following passages support this teaching?

Genesis 1:26; John 1:1-4, 14; John 14:15-18, 25; Matthew 28:19.

3. Are there any other passages you can think of?

4. Why is the doctrine of the Trinity important?

A community is a place where more than two people give and receive from one another in interdependence. Simon made the point that if God lives in a community of three persons (the Trinity), then we are also called to live in community. If we are not in community then we are not the whole people God made us to be.

5. Which has been relatively more important in your own experience - your private faith/walk with God or your community experience of God?

6. There are many opportunities at SBC to build community. Which ones are most important for you?

7. What hinders you from building a stronger experience of community?

8. Do you have any ideas about how we can create communities that are more fun, healthful, and faith building, in line with our 6th value: We believe that the body, mind and spirit ought to be centred in the Lord and properly catered for?

Read Psalm 33:20-22 out loud together as an affirmation of our commitment to living in community, centred on the God who also lives in community.

We wait in hope for the LORD; he is our help and our shield. In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name. May your unfailing love be with us, LORD, even as we put our hope in you.