

Cell Notes 11 October 2015

Theme: Through the eye of the Needle (can rich people be saved?)

Key words: Wealth, Christianity, blessings, inequality, the cross, solidarity etc.

Welcome

- How is it with your soul?
- What struck you during worship this past Sunday?

Worship

The Psalm for this week is Psalm 22: 1-15 or Psalm 90: 12- 17

Sing a song/hymn e.g. Pray.

Word

Reading: Mark 10: 17-31

- Why does Jesus tell the rich young man to sell everything he has, give it to the poor and follow Him?
- This story comes after Jesus blesses little children, and saying to the disciples, "Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it *at all*." (Mk. 10: 13-16) can you find any connections between Jesus' statement above and the young rich man walking away dismayed and grief-stricken (v.22)?
- Jesus says "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." (v. 25). What makes wealth a stumbling block in entering the Kingdom of God?
- What are some of the ideas about wealth which create inequality between the wealthy and the poor?
- What do you make of the suggestion that "Following Jesus is eternal life"?
- How would those who most know you describe your relationship to wealth and possessions?

Works

- Pray and reflect on how you might respond to the Gospel reading for this week.
- Agree to hold one another accountable with respect to your use of and attitude to money.
- Pray for/ reach out to those who feel God forsaken