

Jesus at the forefront of our Church

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A suggested outline for small groups

Notes to facilitator:

- Feel free to add, subtract or modify anything - and be creative.
- Make sure that things keep moving, and that no part drags on too long. The discussion part should not exceed 45 minutes. Keep energy levels high throughout.
- Be careful not to intimidate any new people, especially unchurched ones. Explain things. Let people know they don't have to pray aloud.
- Make sure that everyone contributes, not just a few people.
- Be enthusiastic, personal and real. This will set the tone for everyone else.
- If there are non-Christians present adjust the questions to be more inclusive to them.

Optional: get-to-know-you question

- Are you a morning person or not a morning person? Do you think you could train yourself to become a morning person?

Scriptures to be read

- Hebrews 1 (esp. 1v1-4)

1) Jesus is the word spoken by the Father.

- *Read verse 1 and 2.* What does it mean that He has spoken to us by His Son? How does this contrast with the way that God spoke to his people by the prophets? (verse 1): How do you experience God speaking to you and how does Jesus come into this?

2) Our Salvation is more than just forgiveness.

- *Read verses 3 to 6.* Our salvation starts with the forgiveness of Sin, but it is more than that; we have been saved to worship and glorify Jesus. What can we as individuals do to keep worship at the forefront of our Christianity?
- Maybe you can share some creative ways that you worship, not just on a Sunday but throughout the week.

3) Christianity is about Christ the King.

- *Read verse 3 and 4.* What does it mean that Jesus 'sat down at the right hand of the majesty of heaven'?
- Jon spoke about "-ianity" - Christianity without Christ. What does it mean for you that Christ is both Saviour and King?
- How as a smallgroup can we make sure that Christ is the king of our lives?

Praying together

- As a group - or perhaps in smaller sub-groups - pray to God about the themes that have emerged in this conversation. Be open to any prophetic words in this time. Also be sure to spend some time praying that our friends and family members will find Christ through our conversations and invitations.
 - Pray that our Christianity will mature to more than just forgiveness, and into worship.