

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP MEETING 8 JULY 2020

Thanks again to the 20 people who were able to join our online prayer meeting by Zoom yesterday.

This week just a few points from the meeting:

- We reflected on the Gospel passage where Jesus said: *Very truly I tell you, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete. (John 16:23-24)*
- We talked of the importance of asking the Holy Spirit to show us what is the Lord's will - rather than our own will - so that we can pray more specifically in line with His will. As Jesus himself prayed: *"Not my will, Father, but your will be done."*
- We can always pray for healing, even if we can't be specific, because we can trust Jesus to heal in body, mind or spirit (and sometimes all three).
- We were given the following prayer *"Lord Jesus, in the silence of this morning, I ask you for wisdom for today. May I look at the world through your eyes, that I may look past appearances and appreciate the goodness in everyone. Teach me to see myself and others with the same delight, pride and expectation which you see in me in every moment."*
- Praying "in the name of Jesus" does not mean just using His name as a sort of magic spell, but rather praying with the mind of Jesus and in his authority and power, with the expectation and trust that He will do whatever is best.
- Praying with the name of Jesus, or frequently using the "Jesus Prayer" (*Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, have mercy on me*) makes Jesus present in a very powerful way, dispelling evil and darkness and attracting light and holiness.

Links

- I strongly recommend watching this 25 minute video, which is so powerful and inspiring: Damian Stayne YouTube talk on "The Power of the name of Jesus"
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YpEe8-XE7vU>

We will be meeting by Zoom again next Wednesday at 8. I will send round the invitation nearer the time and hope once again many can join in.