

SERMON NOTES

Sunday 4 June

sunnysidechurch

Trinity Sunday

Bible passages: 2 Corinthians 13.11-end; Matthew 28.16-end

Introduction

- Doctrine of the Trinity is important because it is what is unique to a Christian understanding of God
- Important not just on Trinity Sunday but in how we think about God when we read our Bibles and follow him

Matthew 28.16-end

- Jesus commissions his disciples to continue the work he has been doing: make disciples
- Make disciples is an order; we do so by going, baptising and teaching
- What we are seeking to do at Sunnyside through our vision: To be recognised as a Christ-centred community of living faith which seeks to make Jesus known to others
- 2-fold call to make disciples: need to be disciples (learn from Jesus how to be like Jesus) and tell others about Jesus through what we say and do
- Calling for times of confidence and times of doubt/hesitancy

Conclusion

Jesus reassures his disciples (and us) that he is with us always, and that we go to make disciples in his name and with his authority.

Some questions for discussion

1. Is there a person of the Trinity (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) who you find it easiest to relate to? Which one and why?
2. Read Matthew 28.16-end. What do you notice about this passage?
3. The response to Jesus was worship but some doubted (v17). It is perfectly possible to have doubts and questions even whilst believing in God. Can you think of times when this has been true in your life?
4. How might you grow as a disciple so you become more like Jesus?
5. Who is God asking you to tell about him?
6. Jesus promises to be with us always. In what ways is this an encouragement in our calling to be disciples and make disciples?
7. What is God asking you to do as a result of what he has said to you through this passage? It might be something to pray about, something to think more about, something he wants you to talk to someone about or something he wants you to do. Make a note of it so you don't forget!

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

2 Corinthians 13.14

Why not spend some time worshipping God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and asking him to guide us in making disciples this week?

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