

ST. BARNABAS CHURCH, SWANLAND

SMALL GROUPS NOTES

Sharing Christ through friendship

Advent Sunday– Advent 1, w/beg 29 November 2009.

Luke 21:25-36;(- but read the whole of chapter 21 if possible, to set in context)

Malachi 3:1-4 The Return of the King

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| Welcome/ icebreaker | Which story that you have ever read or seen, has the best ending? What makes it so good? |
| Worship | Choose some songs to help worship and focus on Jesus as King. <i>Suggestions: King of Kings, Lift up your heads, You are the Mighty King, There's a sound on the wind. All hail King Jesus. He is Lord.</i> |
| Word (refs.↓) | |
| Luke 21 | Which two future events are being prophesied by Jesus in this chapter? Notice that one has already happened. What does that suggest about the other and about Jesus? |
| Luke 21:27 | Read Daniel 7:13. Why do you think Jesus used the title "Son of Man" of himself – and what might his disciples make of it? |
| Malachi 3:2 and Luke 21:28 | Why will the disciples be able to lift up their heads and "stand" at the time of Jesus second coming? |
| Luke 21:34 | What things might distract <i>us</i> from staying alert? Try to honestly evaluate what has priority in our lives and if changes might be helpful. |
| Luke 21:35 | How will the second coming of Jesus be different from the first? How does our response to his first coming affect our attitude to his second? |
| Luke 21 36 | Are we ready for The Return of the King? |
|  | Spend time thanking God for his love, for the gift of Jesus at his first coming and for the promise of his second, as the best possible ending to God's story. Jesus said, "Behold, I am coming soon." Pray as the Holy Spirit leads. |
| Witness | In the light of the certainty of Jesus' second coming, who might we invite to a Christmas event? |