

ST. BARNABAS CHURCH, SWANLAND

SMALL GROUPS NOTES

Sharing Christ through friendship

Week beginning 3rd July 2011 Readings: Matthew 11:16-19,25-30 & Genesis : 24:34-38,42-49, 58-67

Trinity 2

Welcome/ icebreaker	Does the word " weary " ever describe your life? Do you ever feel like you have reached the end of your rope and there simply isn't enough rope left with which to tie a knot? These are the kinds of people Jesus is addressing in these verses – is this you?
Worship	Suggested songs (SOF): #42 Be Thou My Vision # 689 Come Holy Spirit # 999 Show Me, Dear Lord
Word (refs. ↓)	
Matt 11 : 16	About whom is Jesus talking? Who are they like? What do they do?
Matt 11 : 17	What had happened? What might 'the children' have thought about that?
Matt 11 : 19	What did the Son of Man do and what was the result of that? Why did the people complain about that and what might you say about those actions?
Matt 11 : 25	With whom did Jesus have this conversation and what do we learn from this conversation and the people?
Matt 11 : 27	What do you learn about the Father?
Matt 11 : 28	What should people do? Who should do it? What will Jesus do for those that do it?
Matt 11 : 29	Jesus moves immediately from the picture of rest in verse 28, to the idea of work in verse 29, He does so by referring to the " yoke ". Are you ready to surrender to your Yoke?
Matt 11 : 30	Express this in your own words. Why might you be happy to take Jesus' load?
	Does the Lord's yoke seem easy and His burden light in your life? If the answer is yes, then I would venture to say that you are a satisfied person. If the answer is no, then I would recommend a time for you to just come before the Lord and for you to stop your kicking and your fighting. You may just need to surrender to your yoke and let the Lord have His way in your life.
Witness	The poor and needy; the weary and heavy laden; the soul sick of sin and of the world; the sinner conscious of guilt and afraid to die, may come to Jesus Christ and live, <u>Matthew 11:28-30</u> . The invitation is wide as the world. The child and the old man may seek and find salvation at the feet of the same Saviour. No child is too young; no man is too old: no one is too great a sinner. Christ is "full" of mercy, and all who come shall find peace. O how should we, in this sinful and miserable world, borne down with sin, and exposed each moment to death - how should we come and find the peace which he has promised to all, and take the yoke which all have found to be light!