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THE GRAPEVINE 27/12/2022

AVAILABILITY SERIES WK # 4 CLARITY

S2 Luke 6:39-42 NRSV

Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's (sister's) eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take the speck out of your eye," when you yourself fail to see the plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye."

As I am reading this text one thing has just struck me, (no not a log), but rather Jesus isn't saying DON'T remove the speck from other people's eye, but rather remove our own first. Jesus is saying other people have things that need to be brought to their attention; however starting with our own shortcomings means our interactions will be more compassionate.

Why do we need to sort out our own stuff? Because, we need to make sure we are operating from a grace perspective within our own lives. If we do not love ourselves then our platform for relating to others is skewed. Our self-perception becomes misaligned and if we have a degree of self-hate and internal criticism this will flow into all we see, say and do.

Robert Wicks writes that our relationship with God means that we are

"actually witnesses to God's activity embraced in our own thoughts, feelings and actions... (which is) designed to foster self-love, Christian power, and courage essential to "Christian life." P23

Knowing, reflecting and owning that God is within us provides a new "perspective" on all of our relationships including ourselves. The point is that once we UNDERSTAND, we can ACCEPT; once we can ACCEPT, we can BE OPEN to being HEALED and OPEN to the role we all have in healing OTHERS. Removing logs and specs will have an underlying level of gratitude leading to new relationships and new life.

Rev DJPrior

❖ **OUR VISION:**

To be a vibrant, growing community of Faith.

❖ **OUR MISSION:**

*To reach out and reflect God's Love –
connecting others to Christ.*

GROUPS & DATES for LENTEN STUDIES:

THURSDAY 4-5PM

LEADER: Rev DJPrior

WHERE: The Vines UC

DATES:

THEMES:

Wk #1	10 March	RELATIONSHIPS
Wk #2	17 March	THEIR PAIN, OUR FEARS
Wk #3	24 March	IDOLS, ANXIETIES & LETTING GO
Wk #4	27 March	EXPERIENCING THE LORD
Wk #5	03 April	IN THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD

NOTE: The Studies will be emailed as an attachment for your devotional reading.



URGENT:

Fiona Nockels is also willing to run a women's Lenten Studies group at her home, probably on Wednesday evenings, but the group currently has very limited numbers and Fiona would like to know if any other women are interested.

Please contact Fiona as soon as possible on 8322 3034 if you'd like to join the group.

Home Aloners March Lunch

Hi Guys, Our first Lunch for 2022 will be on

Tuesday, March 1st

Meet at The Old Noarlunga Hotel 12-15pm

Looking forward to catching up with you all.

Please let Bob Stone 8381 4483 or Bob Manson 8382 7242

know if you can attend, to enable us to let the Pub know our

booking numbers.

by Sunday February 27th

Hope to see you there.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Barbecues have recommenced fortnightly at Happy Valley Foodland.

If you could help by volunteering to assist with BBQ's, even if it's for an hour or two, please see Leon or contact him on 0438 292 877.

Thank you.

FOOD PARCEL MINISTRY

Thank you for your continued support for this ministry.

This week we need the following items:

Cereal,

Tea/Coffee

Spreads/Jam

Tinned Vegetables

Tinned Fruit

Toiletries.

Or a donation marked "Food Parcel Ministry"

Again, we thank you and may God bless you

Leon and the Pastoral Team

Next week:

LENTEN STUDIES

Week 1 10th March RELATIONSHIPS

LIVE STREAMED WORSHIP SERVICES

Each Sunday our worship services at the Vines can be accessed live at 9:30am via our YouTube channel. Please use the following link to access our services,

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=the+vines+uniting+church

After the livestream, each service will remain on our YouTube channel for watching later. They can be accessed using the same link.

Remember OUR key MESSAGE:

Connect with others and CHOOSE LIFE

'Cos to Grow stronger through COVID

We have to pass on God's love.



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