

Key Truth/Principle: God the Son, Jesus, is the full expression of what it means to libe as sons of God.

Key Verse(s): 1 John 4:8-10, John 3:16, John17:1-5

Suggested format: Social time/ice-breaker, Word, worship with communion and prayer

Key Point(s)

- Our problem is that we love other things before/instead of God and have broken our relationship.
- ➤ God's response is LOVE sending the Son
- ▶ The Son SHOWS God's the Father's love and shows what it is we are restored to as sons of God

** TOP TIPS **

Remember people are indwelt with the spirit – expect them to have something to bring – most just need permission and clarity, and yearn for depth.

- > WELCOME: Have fun, involve everyone, keep it moving
- ➤ **WORSHIP:** Deliberately LEAD people into stepping out most people appreciate specific guidance and feel released to know how to participate (e.g. let's read a Psalm together and use the words to help us worship, let's listen to this song, let's sing now, let's have a time of prophecy and hearing from God, if you feel you want to start a song please do). Encourage gifts!
- > **PRAYER:** Weave into all you do, respond to things as they come up and help people by being specific (e.g. let's all go round and pray shorts prayers thanking God for a particular characteristic
- ➤ **WORD**: Some folks would not have been there on Sunday don't; worry too much about recapping, just dive into questions. Splitting people into pairs/small groups with specific question and a time frame usually brings out the best discussion and involvement of everyone.

KEY QUESTIONS

- 1. How do you answer/what do you think is the answer to the question; 'What is the problem with the world?' (sin, doing wrong/people chasing the wrong 'loves')
- 2. What do you think of when you think of 'eternal life' as a gift...being in heaven for eternity or 'knowing God' (John 17:3)
- 3. Do you see yourself (believers), as having the same relationship with God the Father as God the Son has?