

Word notes Sunday 19/05/13 Roy Wheeler
Three Truths of Great Significance

Summary (read this bit out to remind cell members what was said on Sunday)

Key Texts: Acts 13:28-39, Heb 12:2

There are three truths relating to the cross that give us great comfort and hope. 1, In v29 we see that the cross of Jesus is empty of his body - but not his power. 2, In vv29, 3, the tomb is also empty, God raised Jesus from the dead. 3, Jesus occupies the throne of God in heaven. The significance of these three truths is as follows.

1, The significance of the empty cross is in the method, the manner and the mission of Jesus' death.

2, The significance of the empty tomb is God's vindication of Jesus, the verification of God's offer of forgiveness and salvation and it's clear victory over death and Hades.

2, The significance of where Jesus is now – reigning in heaven – is that he is in control, he cares for you personally and the confirmation of the truth for all who believe.

Application (this is the bit where cell members get to participate. Lead discussions around these points)

The empty cross, the empty tomb, Jesus' enthronement in Heaven. These are fundamental truths of the faith.

Why is it important that all three of these truths hold fast for effective spreading of the Gospel?

Which, if any, of the above do you find it hard to talk about and why? Is the difficulty within you or in getting the truth accepted by others? What is the best way to share these truths with others?

Roy said Jesus' last triumphant words from the Cross: "it is finished" bring freedom from sin, disease, addictions, curses, evil spirits etc. making a public spectacle of them all. How can we demonstrate this victory to others? Do we do this as much as we should?

Witness (this is the bit where the cell talks and prays about how to share the Good News)

Make sure you are booked in to "Represent" the Plumblin Family Camp 21-23 June. This will be a significant time together as a fellowship, as a family of churches and in being enthused, encouraged and equipped to share the Good News. Booking deadline is 31st May ask Tony or Mike for a booking form or go online at www.plumblin.org.uk