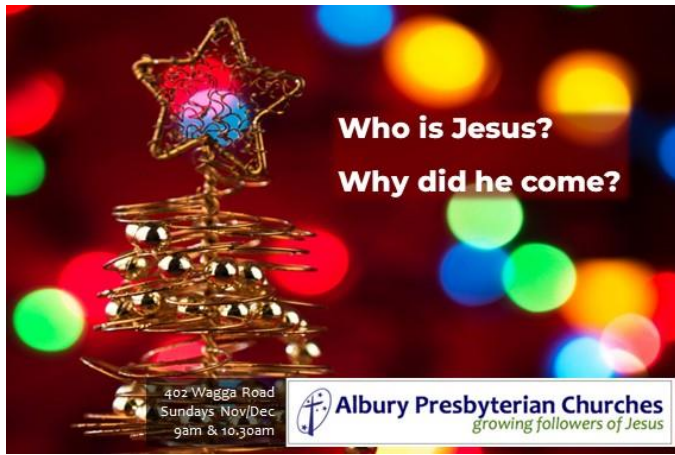


before the Bible Talk Sunday November 26

JOY to the WORLD!

This discussion guide includes preparation BEFORE the group and some guidance DURING the group meeting. Preparation before the group will help you, your leader, and your group to engage and respond to the living and active Word of God.



PREPARATION BEFORE THE GROUP MEETS:

The aim of this preparation is to encourage good & prayerful observation of the text of God's word and the joyful experience of discovering its truth.

Pray & read Genesis 3

What strikes you about this reading?

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Do you have any questions about this reading?

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How does this reading make you feel?

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What will you do in response to this reading?

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WHEN THE GROUP MEETS: Pray for your discussion time

read Genesis 3

- ▶ How does the serpent deceive Eve? What reason(s) does he give to Eve to stop trusting and obeying God? (3.1-5)

- ▶ What is tempting about the fruit? What happens when they eat the forbidden fruit? Why the cover-up? (3.6-7)

- ▶ What happens to the relationships in the garden after they eat the forbidden fruit? (3.8-19)

What hope is there here that humanity might be saved from the serpent? (v15)

read 1 Colossians 2.13-15 (see further <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/how-jesus-disarmed-devil/>)

- ▶ How is the cross of Christ a fulfilment of the promise in Genesis 3.15?

Reflect on how the carol 'Joy to the World', helps remind you of the victory of Jesus:

1. Joy to the world!
the Lord is come;
Let Earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare
him room,
And heaven and nature
sing,

*3. No more let sins and
sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the
ground;
He comes to make His
blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,*

4. He rules the world with
truth and grace,
And makes the nations
prove
The glories of His
righteousness,
And wonders of His love,

PRAY!