

Hi everyone,

Here is the study material for w/c 4th July 2011. I am sending it out early because it is a very different Bible study and will need some different preparation, including needing to resource some practical materials. As I have previously mentioned, hopefully it will give your group the opportunity to do something rather more creative than usual and should be a lot of fun.

The idea for a Bible Study specifically on some aspect of the environment came from our Eco-congregation team. It is intended to build on "Environment Sunday" which we held early in June. The material is from A Rocha and is based on Psalm 104. I have decided not to modify any of it but leave it up to you as to exactly how you make use of it. However, as a minimum, please spend time looking at Psalm 104 and tackle some of the suggested questions.

Notes:

1. There is too much material to be done in an hour. So you can either cut it down, or (especially if your group is enjoying doing it), you could use part of the following meeting to finish the study off.
2. The following website enables you to print portions of the Bible in different versions. You may find it helpful if you want to print out a copy of Psalm 104 in the Message version: <http://www.biblegateway.com/>
3. I have attached the PowerPoint presentation of Ps 104 referred to in the pack, in case you can make use of it somehow. It doesn't matter if you can't.
4. Although not directly applicable to the study, Steve Daughtery's talk entitled "Consequences" at the Family Service on Environment Sunday (5th June) will be available on the Southover website by the end of today
5. I will be very interested in your feedback. In particular:
 - Did you and your members enjoy the study? Why?
 - Did it help you to appreciate our Creator God better? How?
 - Did you do the opening group activity? How did it go? (If you can take a photo of your work and email it to me that would be fantastic!)
6. If you agreed this as a HG, don't forget to feedback on your experiences of spending time with God over the last two weeks, when you meet, as per Steve's last study notes....

Finally, just a reminder that the final session of the year in w/c 18th July. **There will be no new study material issued for this session.** So you can either finish off this study on Psalm 104; or do one that you missed (I know that quite a number of HGs have had to miss the occasional study for various reasons); or have more of a social time. Whatever you decide, please aside at least some time for sharing and prayer (e.g. reflecting on what you and your members have learnt this year and how you have grown as a disciple of Jesus).

I hope that you all have a wonderful summer, including some rest. Thank you so much for all that you do to support the Home Group ministry at Southover.

Regards

Jeremy

PS Don't forget to keep 17th September free for training. Currently timing is expected to be approx 8:30am to 12:30pm