

Last 'written' Bible Study for 2025

NB: This is the last bible study for 2025, but not the last small group. The encouragement is to meet next week and share/pray about things you've learned this year. The week after that you could have a social get together.

For starters

- If someone asked you, 'Where is the kingdom of God?' what would you say?

Psalm 51 & Luke 18:15-27 portray two powerful, wealthy, and privileged people. King David, and the Rich ruler. Only one of them enters the Kingdom ...

Read Psalm 51:1-12 and then Luke 18:18-27

1. What is the critical difference between them?

Read Luke 18:15-17

2. How are children contrasted with the rich ruler?
3. In what sense do we need to become like little children? V17
4. In what sense is King David like the children rather than the rich man?
5. Did you resonate with Andrew Browning's illustration about the King and his daughter? How does the cross demonstrate both Gods love and justice? (Rom5:8, 3:25-26).
6. Are you in the kingdom? How do you know?
7. Who could we invite to our church Christmas events to explore what it means to follow King Jesus? How would you do that?

Pray together (included are some prayer points for the Barbara May Foundation)

- Thank God for the ministry of the Barbara May Foundation.
Providing lifesaving maternal healthcare & fistula repair in remote Africa & providing hope through the gospel.
- Praise him for the faithful staff serving women in difficult areas and often during conflict and famine. Pray for encouragement, resourcing, and energy to sustain effective and caring service.
- Pray for the various hospital building projects, that they are brought to completion.
- Pray for peace and order to be established in the conflict-stricken region of Afar (Ethiopia). Pray for protection over the hospital in that area.
- Praise God for the healing of 1600 women with fistula this year.
- Thank the Lord for his eternal word bringing eternal hope to many people as they hear and respond to the gospel alongside the health care.
- Pray for ongoing provision for sustaining and growing this important ministry.