

LIFE GROUP NOTES 19.10.13

Pilgrimage: “Blessed are those...who have set their hearts on pilgrimage” Ps 84:5

The Bible is full of verses calling us to grow and develop in our faith. Today we are going to look at this basing our thoughts around the idea of pilgrimage. This is often defined as a spiritual journey.

Today we will look at:

Pilgrimage through history
Parallels between pilgrimage and our lives
Why pilgrimage is important
The importance of attitude
The benefits of pilgrimage, for us and for others

Bible verses

2 Peter 1:5-7; Heb 12:1; Phil 3:12-14; Rom 12:2; Luke 9:62; James 1:2-4; 2 Cor 4:17,18; 1 Peter 1:6,7; 2 Peter 1:8; Ex 34:29; Psalm 67

Possible discussion starters

(Feel free to use these or ignore them as you see fit)

1. Do you think the idea of pilgrimage is a good image of the Christian life? What other images do you think are helpful (or better) in describing it?
2. Have you ever been on an actual pilgrimage? Do you feel you benefited from it?
3. List and discuss some other Bible verses that suggest developing ourselves as Christians. Does the idea of pilgrimage tie in well with these?