

“March 2019 Prayer Month Wk 2”
Growth Group notes ~ John Way 10/03/19

[NB: All questions are suggestions; the aim is fruitful discussion of Sunday's sermon, rather than mere repetition - ie, learning between us how to put it into practice]

1. John took us deeper into the subject of fasting, and reminded us of its purpose.
 - Read **Matt 6.16-18** and **Luke 18.9-14** and discuss the differences (and dangers) found in fasting with or without humility.
 - What has been your initial response when it comes to fasting? Has this changed in any way?

2. Read **Matt 9.14-17** and compare how Jesus's disciples weren't fasting because He, the Bridegroom, was physically among them, but we are now awaiting the same for ourselves.
 - Consider how fasting can help us await that coming day.
 - Does this stir you to fast? What might help you?
 - As a group, find ways to help and encourage those who are stirred to do so, particularly with next week (#3) in mind.

3. Let's get praying through our Week #2 focus! Here are the anchor points that Steve has shared in the second video you can find on our Church's social media.
 - *“The Big Catch”*
 - *“Read Luke's account of the big catch (Luke 5). They had toiled all night but at Jesus's command they were obedient and needed to call their partners in another boat to help. There is a big catch on the way, but it will be so big it will bless other churches in Herne Bay and you will work together in this.” ~ Simon Gallagher, Aylsham Comm. Church (Norfolk), 21/9/17*
 - PRAYER ANCHOR POINTS FOR THE WEEK: **“PLACES OF INFLUENCE”**
 - **Current** Sunday venue:
 - Being a gospel light in Greenhill
 - Favour with the school; blessing upon them
 - **Future** Sunday venue
 - We want it to be about people, not facilities with a focus on: reaching the community, reaching more people (**bigger net**), more mission activities
 - Another mercy ministry this year?
 - Alongside CAP, we would love to see another means of helping those in need launch this year but need God's timing & the right people to helm it.
 - **Beacon Centre:**
 - Using it well whilst we have it, sharing it well with others, not being precious about it, but gracious.
 - **Church unity** (see above prophecy):
 - **Unity** between us, and growth all round, particularly by **salvation/baptism**; sharing resources well, knowing our strengths and weaknesses (i.e. when to help, when to be helped).
 - **Other places** (that Beacon individuals reach):
 - Schools, workplaces, neighbourhoods, shops