Life Group Notes – Sunday 20th November

The Apostles Creed: **“he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead”**

1. List the different Christian festivals in a year, how many would you say there are, what are they and what do they mean to you.

We declare that **“he (that is Jesus) ascended into heaven**

Read Luke 24:50–53 and Acts 1:6–11

1. How easy is it to overlook the Ascension of Jesus and why do you think that is?
2. Discuss together the danger of overlooking this event
3. Share together in your life group what the message of Jesus’ ascension carries for you

We declare that **“he is seated at the right hand of the Father**

Read Hebrews 4:14–16 and 1 John 2:1-2

In this part of the creed, we are recognising/affirming the High Priestly role of Jesus, and the role of the High Priest was to act as an intermediary between God and humanity and humanity and God

1. Is there is a danger of thinking the ministry of Jesus finished at his resurrection?
2. What implication does the High Priestly role of Jesus have for the Christian today when we are going through tough times, when we are finding it hard to pray for ourselves?

We declare that **he will come to judge the living and the dead**

Read 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

The coming again of Jesus is an event that will be, unexpected as far as its timing is concerned and unavoidable as far as no one can stop it happening. (vv.1 – 3)

1. How can the different areas of Paul’s instruction, listed below, help us as Christians to be ready for when Jesus returns
2. Alert and self-controlled v.6
3. Protecting ourselves v.8
4. Live in Hope and Expectation v.9 – 10
5. Encourage v.11

Suggest you may like to close by reading Hebrews 10:19 - 25