

JSP Week 2 – People on the Edge

Groups Summary

Prayer:

Lord Jesus Christ,
Lover of all,
you came to this earth to be among us, to heal the broken,
to embrace the unloved
and to include the marginalised.
Help us to do the same
Amen

This is an attempt to summarise the content of the discussion in the JSP Groups on Thursday. If I have missed anything, or if you have thought of anything as a result of the meeting, please let me know. Canon Andy.

We reflected on the Cathedral JSP Map and added in some things we had forgotten.

We reflected on our Gospel Reading (Mark 10: 46-52):

- thinking about why people tried to exclude Bartimaeus
- looking at how Jesus paid attention to him and exercised compassion
- thinking about Jesus' question "What do you want me to do for you?"
- with the help of John Hull's book *In the Beginning There was Darkness* and the experiences of members of the Groups who have disabilities, we tried to look at the passage from Bartimaeus' point of view. There was a great contrast with this passage and the healing of the man with the withered hand last week.

We read the Call of Levi (Mark 2: 13-17) and:

- reflected on our experiences of being on the edge or marginalised
- what it must have felt for Levi to be called by Jesus.

We thought about what groups of people were on the edge or marginalised in Jesus' time, and what groups of people might feel marginalised in our society today.

During the Coming Week:

- please think about what groups of people might feel marginalised in our society today
- think about how the Cathedral relates to and includes these people
- please pray for these groups and for the Cathedral