

JSP Week 4 – Capturing Hearts and Minds

Group Summary

Prayer:

Lord Jesus Christ,
you inspired your followers with the Way of God's kingdom,
and you invited them to leave their nets and go fishing with you.
May we teach with your authority,
capturing the minds and hearts of people today,
as we build on the foundation you provide,
in sincerity and truth. Amen

We continued our Jesus Shaped Journey by moving from Jesus' love of people, to his teaching, and this week, an exploration of how he captured people's hearts and minds.

We thought of examples of visionary leaders (good and bad) and reflected on why we had chosen them.

We read **Mark 1.14–22** and discussed the following questions:

- **What do you think it was about Jesus that led the disciples to follow him so readily?**
- **Jesus called ordinary people, fishermen of little status or education, to follow him.**
- **What does this mean for us today?**
- **Mark 1.22 mentions that people 'were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.' Why do you think this was?**

We noticed especially that Jesus is compelling.

We spent time wondering what Jesus calling 'ordinary people' means in the context of the Cathedral, and what this might mean for our mission.

We read **Matthew 6.25–34** and discussed these questions:

- **What do you find captivating in this bit of Jesus' teaching?**
- **What teaching methods is Jesus using, what imagery does he draw on?**
- **How does he manage to really connect with people's lives?**

For this week – and going onwards into Lent – we are asked to think and pray over the following question:

What is it about Jesus and his teaching that has captured your heart?

Please remember that the afternoon group this week is on Wednesday 10th February.

The evening group is on Thursday 11th as normal.