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Newsletter



Thought – Jesus our Wonderful Counsellor

In our society, counselling is offered to anybody rich or poor, male or female, black or white, young or old. The counsellor offers time and attention in order to guide, support, advise and help people in their time of need. However, in our ordinary lives our culture denies the value of emotion and feelings and we are instructed to keep them under control.



Before he was born, Jesus was talked about in Isaiah (chpt. 9 v 6) where it says he will be called a Wonderful Counsellor. Also Jesus himself uses the Greek word 'parakletos' which translates as 'counsellor' as well as 'comforter', 'helper' and one who encourages. It literally means 'to come along side and strengthen'.

Jesus wants to come along your side and strengthen you on your journey through life. He yearns to help and support you and comfort anybody that turns to him.

- He is warm and caring
- He empathises with you and understands exactly how you feel
- He listens for feelings as well as for words
- He does not make assumptions
- He is genuine
- He concentrates on you and you are his priority
- He hears you, listens to you and understands you
- No distraction will take him away from you
- He is silent when you need him to be silent
- He responds when the time is right for you. Our prayers may not be answered straight away but he never forgets and he will respond

Thought Ctd... (Jesus our Wonderful Counsellor)

- He knows what nourishment you need

Jesus is our crisis line as well as our long-term comforter and guide.

Present yourself to the Lord slowly, introduce yourself and he will be patient and tender. Open your heart and lay your life in his hands. Let Jesus repair and renew the parts of you that have been eaten away and destroyed. Do not deny yourself the true counsellor, the mighty one who will take away your fear and pain. He will stand by your side.

2 Corinthians 1 v 4 "... who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. For just as the sufferings of Christ flow over into our lives, so also through Christ our comfort overflows."



What's On?

(At Henrietta St. unless otherwise stated)

P.S. No appointment necessary. Just Talk.

Sunday evening Services at 6:00 pm...

| DATE | SUBJECT | SPEAKER(S) |
|--------|---|------------------------------|
| Sep 2 | TBA | Jon Williams |
| Sep 9 | The Implications of following Jesus... at Work | Neil Brighthouse |
| Sep 16 | The Implications of following Jesus... at Rest | Dave Cherry |
| Sep 23 | The Implications of following Jesus... at Play | Pete Green |
| Sep 20 | Burning Questions; "Why are there so many religions?" | Charles Crawford & John Fane |
| Oct 7 | Burning Questions; "Why does God allow suffering?" | Tony Tasker |
| Oct 14 | TBA | Martyn Ramsden |
| Oct 21 | Big Old Testament books made simple: Joshua | Ben Twelves |
| Oct 28 | Joshua: "The new Kingdom" | Lionel Taylor |

Regulars:

Sunday

- Breaking of Bread Service 10:30 a.m.
- Sunday School 2:45 p.m. (From Kids aged 4, up to Adult Discussion Group)
- Evening Service 6:00 p.m. (See above for details)

Tuesday

- Junior Youth club 6:45 p.m.
- **FREE** – "Learn to Read and Understand the Bible" Course 7:15 p.m. at Chorlton Adult Education Centre. Ring for details ☎(0161) 286 6471

Wednesday

- Young People's Bible reading Group 8:00 pm (Held at Various homes)

Thursday

- Bible Class 8:00 p.m.

Friday

- Senior Youth club 7:30 p.m.