

The Dream of Community

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Remember: you do not have to do the entire study (you may not have time) – you can choose what questions you want to discuss.

Read Isaiah 65:17-25, Zechariah 8:4-5 and Malachi 4:6

1. What do these images and visions tell us about God's dream for us and his world?
2. Which images in particular speak to you of God's vision for redemptive community? Why?
3. Where do you see this vision for redemptive community coming in to being around you?
4. What can you do/are you doing to join in with this movement of the Spirit of God?

Read Psalm 126

5. Why do we need to hold our joy and our weeping together? How do we do this in a way that honours the reality of both?
6. How are you experiencing the groans of creation at the moment?
7. What do you long to see God do in your life and community?
8. What dreams do you have for your neighbourhood and for our church?
9. How is God leading you to act to bring these dreams and visions to others?

Read Acts 2:42-47

10. What are the ingredients of a redemptive community of Jesus followers?
11. What is it about what the church does that makes it *redemptive*?
12. "It [the vision] is unattainable and untameable." What do you think this statement means? Why? Why might these two attributes be necessary?

Prayer points:

- Pray for the people of Turkey and Syria in the aftermath of the earthquake.
- Pray for the ill and vulnerable in our communities.
- Pray for those affected by violence and conflict around the globe.