

HOME GROUP, incl. The Lord's Supper

17th & 19th May 2022

BIBLE STUDY – Read together Psalm 63

1. Discuss the psalm together. Which parts do you find most encouraging? What key truths about God can be found in this psalm?
2. How do these truths point us to the Lord Jesus and remind us of what he has done for us on the cross?

Spend some time in praying in the Psalm together. Praise God for his Son the Lord Jesus in anticipation of spending time together taking the Lord's Supper.

PRAYER BEFORE THE LORD'S SUPPER: As you prepare to take the bread and wine together, let's pray:

Praising God that in Christ, the old has gone and the new has come, and that in Him we are new creations, able to put on the 'clothes' of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience, first demonstrated in Jesus (v.12).

Confessing before Him those times when you've lived according to your old, earthly nature this week. You could use the words of this prayer of confession to help you:

Father Eternal, giver of light and grace, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour, in what we have thought, in what we have said and done,

through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault.

We have wounded your love, and marred your image in us.

We are sorry and ashamed, and repent of all our sins.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,

forgive us all that is past; and lead us out from darkness to walk as children of light. Amen.

THE LORD'S SUPPER: Take the bread and the wine together, thanking God for the forgiveness we have known in Jesus and are able to express to one another (v.13)

IF YOU HAVE TIME, CONTINUE TO PRAY:

- **Sharing any matters for prayer within your group**
- **For Tiago & Melisa Bugalho, Ramada Baptist Church, Portugal**



The Lord has **given us a house!** It's amazing! We are enormously grateful for His grace because we know we deserve nothing. God has given us much more than we asked, and we are determined to use this house for His glory making it a place where many can see and feel His love.

By the grace of the Lord, we have received **four refugee sisters from Ukraine**, and it has been 6 weeks now since they arrived. What a huge blessing to be able to help them as a Church and as a family. We have no doubt that the best way to receive is by giving, and we are enjoying the fellowship with Natasha, Nastya, Stefa and Lydia. Thanks to the Lord, their legal situation is normalized in Portugal and now they are having Portuguese classes to find a job soon. We are committed in continuing to help them and be the channel the Lord is using to care for them in this new beginning.

We are preparing **baptisms' celebrations next month!** It has been a joy to see our Church welcoming new people and witnessing the spiritual growth of many. We are excited by the commitment of the 12 students at the Bible Training Center for Leaders who are already studying the second subject.

At the end of May, we will participate in **an event organized by the Municipality** (local authority) to raise funds to help Ukraine. We will have the presentation of the worship group and a play (and the Ukrainian sisters will participate!) **Pray for this opportunity to show Christ!**

God has been so good to us! We want, so much, to continue to be faithful in His work, please pray for us to stand firm. God bless you!