



May 2018 Week 1

"RUTH"
(John 10:10-18)

Welcome: What food do you love? Is there somewhere you love to go...in Scotland...beyond?
What is your favourite piece of music?

Worship: Look at this picture and worship God...



Word: SELECT FROM THE FOLLOWING WHAT IS HELPFUL FOR YOUR GROUP

READ: Ruth 1

- Ruth 1:1 Ruth lived at a time of evil, social disintegration and violence. How does the Christian "keep their heads when all around are losing theirs?"
- Read the letter St Cyprian wrote to Donatus. What does it make you feel?
- Read Acts 5v1-6; 1 Cor 11:27-32; 1 John 3:22; 1 Cor 3:11-15; 1 Tim 6:17-19; 1 John 1:5-7...what does God tell us the consequences of sin in our lives as Christians are? What do you think about this?
- Read Acts 2:38 what does it mean to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit?
- What do you think Dr James Denny meant when he said: "...when everything else is swept away what will be left will be the crucified God reaching out in love." Do you agree? Why/why not?
- Read Ruth 1:16-17 & 1 Cor 14:1. How is Christian love a decision not an emotion?
- What does it mean that "There is no such thing in the Bible as Robinson Crusoe faith?"
- Read Galatians 5:22. In what way/s is the love of Christians for one another and others, different from the love none Christian have? Give examples of what you think divine love will be like in church, in relations with family, friends and neighbours.
- Read John 13:34-35. If a person claims to be a Christian but does not display divine love are they a Christian?
- Read Ephesians 3:19...what does it mean to know the unknowable love of Christ?

Prayer: Thank God for answers to prayer since you last met. Pray for the sick, the troubled, the bereaved. Pray for Ruari and Chloe as they settle to their new life here in EK. Pray for David (our Youth and Children's' Worker), his wife Heather and son, Andrew, as they complete their time in their Church and prepare to move to EK. New place, new people, new school, new church family, new service for God. Pray also for God to flood the Church with Jesus' love!

Witness: How can the Group help Ruari and Chloe feel welcome and settle quickly to life in East Kilbride and in the Church Family? How can the Group help David, Heather and Andrew?

“This seems a cheerful world Donatus when I view it from this fair garden under the shadow of these vines. But if I climbed some great mountain and looked over the wide lands, you know very well what I would see. Brigands on the high road, Pirates on the seas, in amphitheatres men murdered to please the applauding crowds, under all roofs misery and selfishness. It is a really bad world, Donatus, an incredibly bad world. Yet in the midst of it I have found a quiet and holy people. They have discovered a joy which is a thousand times better than any pleasures of this sinful life. They are despised and persecuted, but they care not. They have overcome the world. These people, Donatus, are the Christians...and I am one of them.”

St Cyprian to Donatus 1st Century AD