

## Blog 10

Dear Lock Down Rule of Lifers

Here comes your Weekly Blog on the On-line Group Meeting to Consider- A Rule of Life for Lockdown

**At the Tenth Session (8<sup>th</sup> July) we continued to reflect on how we might develop a communal Rule of Life that maps our life together in lockdown and also continued reading the book of Acts together.**

**Note we met on a new zoom tag**

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It was great to see 15 people online...AFTER A FEW TEETHING PROBLEMS MIGRATING TO OUR NEW ZOOM LINK. We were Sonya Stocker, Nick and Sarah Jarrett-Kerr, Avril Chadwick, Howard Worsley, Kay Friend, Beth Ashton-Hilton, Wendy Reakes, Kirsty Bowles, Baz and Jenny Nottage, Ian Stocker, David Kemp, Matthew Thomson and Francis Urwin.

Once we were assembled and in one place, we

- 1) Checked in (having said 'Hi' and caught up generally and reflected on previous week 1<sup>st</sup> July) and Howard shared some thoughts on the rule of life from Psalm 119 v 33-40 (Hebrew letter He)
- 2) Flight Time (Sharing insights about the rule of life (good habits for godly living), and, facilitated by Ian Stocker, looked at the impact of the Gospel;
  - a) The conversion of other cultures (1) Simon the Sorcerer Acts 8 v 9-25
  - b) The conversion of other cultures (2) The Ethiopian Official Acts 8 v 26-40
  - c) The conversion of other cultures (3) A Leading Pharisee (Saul) Acts 9 v 1-19
- 3) Check Out (prayer)

At the initial admin discussion, it was commented that Avril Chadwick has identified a growing list of all those who would like to be connected to the group but cannot (so pass the word on to her if you know of any out there who'd like to be connected....[avril.chadwick@btinternet.com](mailto:avril.chadwick@btinternet.com)). The emerging list was attached (entitled Rule of Lifers Contacts) last week

Howard suggested that we make next week (15<sup>th</sup> July) a review week to share how we are getting on and he'll invite several respondents to share for 3-4 minutes. It is possible that we break from the group over summer

In our study time Ian continued to use the signpost formula below...

Is there something you wish to question?

Is there something about which you wish to comment?

Is there something to encourage us?

Is there something to warn us?

Is there something to help us in building a rule of life?

#### **General Comments**

We read about the impact of the Gospel;

- a) **The conversion of other cultures (1) Simon the Sorcerer Acts 8 v 9-25**  
Simon was clearly a charlatan who wanted to buy the impact of signs and wonders. The Early Church was clearly moving in the gifts of the Spirit and impacting on the street culture of popularist vendors.
- b) **The conversion of other cultures (2) The Ethiopian Official Acts 8 v 26-40**  
The Ethiopian official by contrast was a high ranking financier whom Phillip met at a watering point on the desert road. The Early Church was clearly

moving in the gifts of the Spirit and impacting on higher educated culture of foreign travellers

**c) The conversion of other cultures (3) A Leading Pharisee (Saul) Acts 9 v 1-19**

Saul was a Pharisee of Pharisees and God even used a murderer who was complicit in the first martyrdom as the person who was to open up the Gentile world to the Gospel. We noted the bravery and care of the prophet Ananias in being open to the Spirit in welcoming Saul.

Next week we meet on 15<sup>th</sup> July in our new zoom meeting slot

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We'll invite a few of our number to share how they are living with a rule of life in lockdown (they might share how they have failed as much as how they have developed new habits). We'll review our time together as the holiday season arrives.

Stay in peace

Howard

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