

## Study notes on Godliness – John Farren 17 September 2017

### 2 Peter 1:1-11

1. If you had never heard John Farren's talk, what would the word 'godliness' have implied to you?
2. John suggested that Godliness means 'being like Jesus' – how does that make you feel? Is it an impossible ideal or a great privilege? See Genesis 1:26; 1 Corinthians 11:1; 1 Peter 2:21
3. John suggested that we should be like Jesus in our words, our work/actions and in our walk/attitude. In what way could we be like Jesus in our words? Check out Philippians 2:1-11 for our attitude.
4. What do we understand by 'incarnational like Jesus'? How might this work out for us as individuals? ...as a Church community?
5. Jesus modelled obedience to the Father. How can we follow this example? How do we discern what is the Father's will for us?
6. What aspect of godliness do we see Jesus demonstrating in John 13? What might be an equivalent act of service for us?
7. Jesus was visionary – he saw potential in people. E.g. he said to Simon 'You are – you will be.' What are the risks involved in developing the potential that we see in individuals? Where in our church life do we have opportunities for people to try out aspects of ministry and perhaps 'fail' in a safe environment? How do we let people see that we believe in them?
8. Jesus was courageous. He set his face towards Jerusalem. In what areas of Christian service has God called you to be brave?
9. Jesus was angry about the right things e.g. desecration of the temple courts. How do we restrict ourselves to 'righteous anger'? In what circumstances might it be appropriate to show that we are angry? Is this a greater burden for some of us rather than others? How can we support one another?
10. See Galatians 5: 22 - John emphasised that this passage speaks of the fruit of the Spirit, not fruits. What implication does this have for godly living?

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