

## Study notes based on Sunday 3 February 2019

### The Apostles' Teaching Acts 2:42; Matthew 13:36-52 (Graeme Clark)

1. Recall the words of Jesus in the Great Commission Matthew 28:19-20. How important is it for us to recognise the word 'everything'? How do we cope with the unpalatable bits of Jesus' teaching?
2. Graeme suggested that what we believe is subject to a wide range of influences – the Bible, what our favourite people teach; our culture/upbringing; family values; superstition. To what extent can you recognise what he suggested? How do we get rid of the unbiblical baggage?
3. What was the apostles' teaching at this stage? See Acts 4:1-20. What elements can you identify? Contrast the apostles' teaching with that of the Sadducees whose framework did not allow for resurrection. See v11 for another element and then v12.
4. See Acts 4:20. To what extent is the messenger an integral part of the message?
5. Graeme spoke of the need for authenticity. To what extent do you agree that nothing is worth anything unless it is converted into action?
6. Graeme linked belief, attitude and behaviour. See Matthew 15:18-19 and Philippians 2: 1-6; Romans 15:5; 1 Peter 4:1. What is the connection between these three?
7. How do you respond to the accusation that church is full of hypocrites?
8. How can we devote ourselves to the apostles' teaching?

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