

CELL NOTES FOR SUNDAY 9 MAY

'We live by faith, not by sight'

The reading in the service was John 14. 15 to 31, in which Jesus prepares his disciples not only for the coming of the Holy Spirit after His death and Resurrection, but also for the disciples' relationship with him when they can no longer see him.

'Seeing is believing' say those who belong to 'this world'. Discuss the limitations of this statement.

- a. What about those who are literally blind – what gives them knowledge?
- b. What is factual that cannot be discerned by the 5 senses?
- c. What does it mean in 2 Corinthians 5.7 in saying: 'We live by faith, not by sight? Notice the context of this with the repetition of 'we are confident'. What gives us confidence?

Thursday 13 May is Ascension Day, which is considered an important Christian Festival. Read Acts 1. 6 – 11. Discuss what really happened on this momentous occasion – try to describe it. What important lesson did this event convey to the disciples? How can we discern Jesus presence if we cannot see him?

Read John 14. 25 – 27. What sort of peace did the disciples need after Jesus' death and resurrection, and how did Jesus' teaching here about the coming Holy Spirit herald that peace?