

SERVICE OUTLINE

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WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

Rob Bridgewater

SONG Lord You were rich



CONFESSION

Loving Father, we confess that sometimes we think we can do things all by ourselves and sometimes we are worried about things. We forget that you give us everything we have and that you make us who we are. Please forgive us for thinking about ourselves first. Please forgive us for not trusting you to take care of us. Thank you for always loving us even when we forget that we need you. In Jesus' name, Amen.

"Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death." Romans 8:1-2

SONG Silent Night



Talk 1: what's in a courtroom?



SONG From the squalor of a borrowed stable

BIBLE READING

John 3:19-21 (p1066)
(Chinese Bibles p.908)



SOMETHING FOR THIS WEEK

Normally Growth groups meet during the week. Part of what we do is to help each other think through more deeply what we learn on Sundays—and then be ready to change as a result.

Most groups aren't meeting this week, but here are some ideas for this week!

1. What struck, challenged or encouraged you in the teaching from God's word on Sunday? Take time to pray for God to continue that work with you.
2. We've looked at John's gospel in particular over this Christmas season. Have a go at reading through John's gospel, it should take 90 minutes or less—you could use an app such as 'The Bible' which will read aloud to you.
3. Listen or look out for some of the themes set out in verses 1-18 –see how they appear through the

Talk 2: God's courtroom



SONG When Love Came Down to Earth



PRAYERS

Jo Yianni

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

SONG As With Gladness Men of Old



CLOSING PRAYER

Please join us for refreshments in the church hall (no meal for the kids today— every as normal from next week).

Members of the prayer team will be available at the front right of church, and would be happy to talk and pray with you about anything.

rest of the gospel. These themes include glory, life, light, our response among others.

4. It's easy to review last year, and then think about new years resolutions at home, school or work. Try reviewing your life in Christ, the truths you've grasped and think about how you might grow in him in 2019. Perhaps now would be a good time to do the spiritual MOT if you didn't do it around your birthday.

And here is a question for parents and children to discuss over a meal time one day... I

If Jesus shines his light on everything we do (good and not so good!), how can we ask God to help us by working in us?