

LIFE GROUP NOTES

Week Beginning: 23rd February 2025



Mark 10:24-32 Amazed by Jesus—Eddie Lyle

Warm Up

What amazes you? What your mobile can do? The skills of an artist, musician or sports person? The fact a recipe you followed turned out okay? Think about what "blows you away!"

Background and context

Amazing is an over used word in our culture and language. For many it is the go to word to describe anything vaguely interesting, good or impressive. The disciples spent three years with Jesus, observing His miracles, listening to His teachings, experiencing His compassion for others. They learned from Him, copied Him and proclaimed Him to be the Messiah, the Son of God. They were **AMAZED** by Him. Two Greek words were translated as amazed. **TAMBEO** from the Greek root **TREMON** from which we get out word TREMBLE. The second, **EKPLISO** meaning to strike a blow. Or they had the sense knocked out of them! They were overwhelmed!

Thinking it through: Main discussion/activity

READ Mark 10:17-32 What are the surprising things in the passage? What is new? What don't you really understand?

- 1. Which of the two Greek words mentioned above, do you think was used to describe the disciples in v24? Why? What had been said that was so amazing?
- 2. Why do you think the disciples were "overwhelmed" by Jesus teaching?
- 3. Are you still amazed by Jesus? Or has that initial excitement settled down into a comfortable laissez-faire attitude to Him? Why might this happen?
- 4. How can we encourage a more "amazing" attitude towards Jesus in our own walk with Him?
- 5. Eddie spoke about our Friends in Ukraine from Lebedyn. How might v27-31 apply to them now in their situation?
- 7. Do you think there is a relationship between our personal life situation and the amazement we find in Jesus? Why?

Discipleship and Application

- 8. If we struggle to be amazed by Jesus, what does this say about our relationship with Him?
 - 9. How can you inspire others to be more amazed by Jesus?

If you can watch this YouTube clip it is about 8 mins long. <u>Jesus is Amazing Simon Ponsonby</u>

Try to leave 15-20 mins to talk about prayer needs of the group and to pray.

We want to encourage the development of prayer, to help everyone grow in confidence in praying. There are many creative ways of praying together: writing prayers, using candles as a focus, reading prayers or praying for each other in pairs.