

Deane Parish Church w/b Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2013

**Luke 9:37-62**

**Preparing for mission 4: getting our priorities right**

(The main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing!)

1. When you have to do a job around the house or garden, do you get distracted? By what?

**Read vv37-43a**

**Jesus is Lord.**

**The disciples were not trusting in Jesus' lordship.**

2. How do these verses demonstrate:

(i) that Jesus is Lord

(ii) that the disciples were not trusting in Jesus' lordship?

3. How can we lack trust in the lordship of Jesus Christ?

**Read vv43b-50**

**Jesus demonstrated total humility.**

**The disciples demonstrated pride and jealousy.**

4. How did Jesus demonstrate total humility (see also Philippians 2:1-11)

5. In church life, how might pride and jealousy show themselves?

6. How can we guard against pride and jealousy?

**Read vv51-55**

**Jesus was focused on the main thing.**

**The disciples were distracted from the main thing.**

7. How are the priorities of Jesus and the disciples different?

8. We are commanded to be holy (e.g. 1 Peter 1:15) and to tell others about Jesus (e.g. Matthew 28:19). How can the following distract from these priorities:

(i) desire for power (e.g. gossip)

(ii) hatred and fear (e.g. of those who are different to us)

**Read vv57-62**

**Jesus was totally committed.**

**The disciples hesitated.**

9. What can we put into place in our lives to ensure that we are committed to living and witnessing for Jesus in this world?

10. How were the disciples different after Pentecost (Acts 2)?