

Bible chat week starting 29 5 22

1. Generally speaking, if someone is reporting something that happened to them, what makes their story seem authentic? What betrays suggestions of inauthenticity?

Read Acts 1: 1 - 11.

2. Where do you think Luke (who wrote this) supposed heaven to be? How do modern ideas about cosmology change our understanding of heaven?
3. The sermon argued that Christian witness should always welcome the truth and therefore be positive about new scientific knowledge. To what extent do you agree? How does science disturb or enhance your faith?
4. David also suggested we be positive about many of the social changes that are occurring at the moment. To what extent can you see anti-racism, religious tolerance and the acceptance of 'sexual minorities' as signs of the coming kingdom of God?
5. Our reflection also mentioned the need to respond positively to climate change to craft an authentic witness. Do you see the earth as something we need to escape - whether to Mars or heaven - or is the earth something we need to cherish and protect?
6. Do you accept the general thrust of David's argument - that the gospel should be shared as something which welcomes all new knowledge, and celebrates much wider social change as signs of God's kingdom? Or do you prefer to see Christianity as generally against the world?
7. How confident would you be to share your faith with someone? What would help you to do that?