

Deeper 22nd July 2009
Questions and Answers
From questions raised by members of the church

In the Bible it says the only way to Heaven is through Jesus. Does this mean that only believers in Jesus go to Heaven? Nobody else.

Can you explain the thousand years in Revelation 20:1 to 6? Why is Satan released thereafter? Who qualifies to reign with Christ in this period? Who do they reign over? How is this period different to the new Heaven and Earth in Revelation 21?

David was very immoral and had many children by concubines. Was this not classed as adultery? Why was he so venerated? Why did God keep forgiving him?

Why do you think Jesus cursed the fig tree in Matthew 21:18 and 19? Surely it was not a fit of temper and does it not seem out of character or does it show Jesus was fully human and therefore subject to anger (money changers in the temple!)? What was Jesus saying in verses 21 to 22?

Why do you think that we have based so much of what we as a church have done historically on the teachings of Paul in the letters, when Jesus said of Peter you are the rock on which I will build my church? Should we have more of Peter and less of Paul in the church today?

What is the difference between a calling and a vision? Could it be said we have individual callings but not necessarily personal visions? Although we can all be part of the corporate vision does it mean we should have our own personal vision?

Do you think that 1 Timothy 2:11 to 15 means literally that no woman should have any position of authority in the church – is this the text used by those opposed to women priests and bishops to support their view?