# Thought for the week

## 8 Ways to Become More Humble (Part 4)

### 7. Ask questions

This is closely related to point six about listening to others. When we ask questions in a right attitude and manner it shows we recognize we don't have all the answers, that maybe our preconceived ideas about something were in fact wrong. It can also show that we recognize the person's authority over us (if that is the case) and we are submitting to them. It can show we assume trust in them. There are many varied and different situations in life when it would be good for us to ask questions, aren't there?

If you're not in the habit of asking questions, it might be embarrassing at first, but it becomes easier. For example, when you're chatting with someone and they use a word you don't know, ask them the definition. If you don't understand other things they're saying, ask them to clarify. It's often our pride that stops us asking questions of clarification. Ask questions of someone also because you assume they're interesting to get to know. They have something worthwhile to say, whatever their age or background. They have something we can learn from, Christian or not. Ask questions of someone because they are created by God and it's a sign of us recognizing their worth in God's eyes and therefore our love for them.

There are many situations where we can ask questions of others that help us grow in humility, but one of the greatest ways is to ask God questions in prayer and when we read his word the Bible.

### 8. Consider others before yourself

"Humility is not thinking less of yourself but thinking of yourself less". Humility is not thinking that others are more godly or kind than you, nicer or more intelligent, better at cooking or cricket. They may be, they may not be. Humility is when you consider other people's interests before your own, thinking what is best for the other person and acting on that.

Thus we're being humble when we think of others before ourselves. You may have a greater status than someone. You may have authority over someone. You don't pretend you don't have authority over them, but you think of what will benefit the people under you. What do they need? What is best for them? It doesn't mean you don't look after yourself. When we don't look after ourselves we soon can't help anyone else.

*By Jane Tooher, from The Gospel Coalition Australia website*

# What's on?

MONDAY
7AM Community Breakfast

TUESDAY
9:30AM Playgroup

WEDNESDAY
9AM Prayer Meeting

THURSDAY
9AM Quilters/Craft

FRIDAY
9:30AM Playgroup

### BIRTHDAYS

Nov 1st Steve T
Nov 2nd Matti V
Nov 5th Sarah H
Nov 5th Suzanne C
Nov 7th Pete B

### Christmas Carols Outreach

We'll be holding our annual Christmas Carols community outreach event on Sunday Afternoon, December 6 (4:30-6:30pm). Put the date in your diary and start thinking about who you can invite! We need lots of volunteers to make the afternoon and evening happen, especially helping out with kids activities. If you are available to help, please reply and let us know, or talk to Kathy for more info.

# Announcements:

### Special General Meeting Today

Immediately after the service today we will hold a brief Special General Meeting to welcome several new members, and for a congregational vote to confirm Mark Varidel's appointment as Associate Pastor. Everyone is welcome to stay for the brief meeting, although only formal church members are able to vote.

### Playgroup Coordinator - Expressions of Interest

We are aiming to appoint a new Playgroup Coordinator for 2027 and beyond. This is a paid role in our church (8 hours per week), coordinating our two playgroups on Tuesday and Friday mornings. There are two parts to the role: Firstly, it involves thinking about playgroup as a ministry outreach that will help us "Know Christ and Make Him Known" in our community. Secondly, it involves organising and leading fun and safe playgroup activities to bless the kids and parents who come. If you're interested in the role or would just like more information, please contact Bill. You can also chat with Kathy who is currently the interim playgroup coordinator to find out about the role.

### Communion - November Date Change

Instead of sharing Communion together today, which is our usual practice (as the first Sunday in November), we will be delaying Communion until next Sunday (Nov 8). This is so that we can celebrate Communion on the same day as we look at the Last Supper in our series in the Gospel of Mark (Mark 14:12-26).

# Prayer Points

Pray for those in our extended church family who are unwell or recovering, including Alan S, Dawn J, Alice & Graham D, Mark P, and Claire H.

Pray for our carols outreach event on December 6, for preparations, lots of people to help, and for many non-Christian friends, family and neighbours to come along.

Pray for Year 12 students who commenced their final exams this week, including Levi R.

Pray for John & Margaret B in PNG, for wisdom, good health and stamina as they carefully work with God's Word in translation.

Pray for Garry & Chris B, who travelled to Injune with Care Outreach this week.

Pray for our Special General Meeting today to confirm Mark Varidel's appointment as our Associate Pastor, and pray for Mark, Jane and Azalea as they trust God in taking this step.

# NOTES

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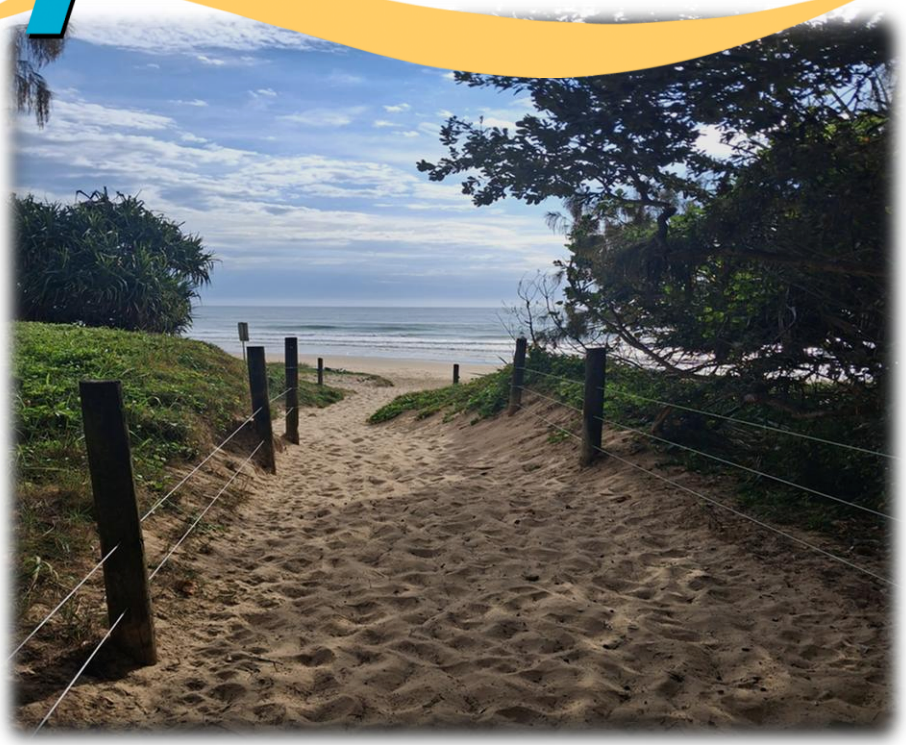
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# Coolum Beach Baptist Church

"To know Christ and make Him known"



"At that time people will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory." (Mark 13:26)

## 1st Nov 9AM Pastor Bill

### The Son of Man Will Come in Power and Glory

Mark 13:24-37

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