



Small Group/ Reflection Notes

	w/c 27th November 2022	Living Well: Generously	
 Start	<input type="checkbox"/> Watch a clip from Muppets Christmas Carol – introducing Scrooge <input type="checkbox"/> What is the best gift you've ever given/ received?		
 Discuss	<input type="checkbox"/> What does <i>generosity</i> look like? <input type="checkbox"/> When have you experienced/ observed generosity? <input type="checkbox"/> What does it mean to <i>live</i> generously? Is it attitude or action? <input type="checkbox"/> Why do we often assume ' <i>living generously</i> ' means ' <i>giving money</i> '? <input type="checkbox"/> What else can we be generous with? (e.g. <i>time, listening, hospitality, possessions, encouragements..?</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> Why does the NHS 5 Steps To Mental Wellbeing include ' <i>4. Give to others</i> '? Why is living generously good for our mental health? <input type="checkbox"/> We often inherit attitudes/ values from our upbringing. How present/ modelled was generosity in your early years? How does that shape you today? <input type="checkbox"/> Why is there a <i>cost</i> to living generously? Can there be generosity without cost?		
 Read	John 3:14-21	 Catch-up	ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Watch
 Explore	<input type="checkbox"/> John 3:16 What is the significance that God GAVE..? What? Who? When? Where? Why? Why did God go "all-in"? (Is verse 17 over-looked?) <input type="checkbox"/> Romans 8:32 What does this say about God's attitude? <input type="checkbox"/> 1 John 4:10 Why was God's love/Gift unconditional? <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 11:13 What are God's gifts like? <input type="checkbox"/> Genesis 1:26-27 If God is generous, and we are made in God's image', what does this say for the way we are designed to live? <input type="checkbox"/> Proverbs 11:24-25 Then read it from The Message . Why do those that appear 'stingy' with their time, hospitality etc often seem to be having the least fun? <input type="checkbox"/> Acts 20:35 Why is it blessed to give? And yet, why do we sometimes find it <i>harder to receive</i> than to <i>give</i> ? What's that all about?		
 Go further	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Peter 1:4 What does it mean to 'participate in the divine nature'? When and how do we do this?		
 Reflect	<input type="checkbox"/> Which one verse stands out to you? Why do you think it grabs your attention? <input type="checkbox"/> Which verse(s) will you need to think more about? Why? <input type="checkbox"/> To what extent do you need to adjust your 'default setting' back to ' <i>generous</i> '?		
 Do	<input type="checkbox"/> Do something generous for someone this week. <input type="checkbox"/> Participate in ToyLink this Christmas. Give a <i>new</i> toy for a child aged between 0-15 years, for distribution by Birmingham City Mission.		



*Dear God,
Thank you that you so loved the world that You gave Your one and only Son, that
whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. Help me to be more ____.
Forgive me when I am _____. Teach me what living well looks like and enable me to live
it, generously. Amen*



My questions:

*If you're not yet in a small group, why not join one! Check out: ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/SmallGroups
Can't see a group to suit your availability/interest? Start one! SmallGroups@ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk*