



## Small Group/ Reflection Notes

28-02-2021		Ezekiel's prophetic hope	
 Start	<input type="checkbox"/> Give the group 2 mins to each find an object that sums up their week. Then, when everyone is back, take it in turns, to introduce your object and why. Pray for each other.		
 Discuss	<input type="checkbox"/> What are you hoping for when the lockdown ends? What do you want to go back to? What do you want to be different? <input type="checkbox"/> What have you learnt from the lockdown? <input type="checkbox"/> When/ where do you find 'sanctuary'?		
 Read	<b>Ezekiel 11:1-25</b>	 Listen again	<a href="http://ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Watch">ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Watch</a> <a href="http://ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Talks">ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Talks</a>
 Explore	<input type="checkbox"/> v.1-6: What were civil leaders doing? What were (are) the consequences of poor leadership? <input type="checkbox"/> v.14-15: Despite everything, how does Ezekiel view those still in Jerusalem? <input type="checkbox"/> v.16: Why was sanctuary in Babylon so unexpected? Where/ when have you found unexpected sanctuary in lockdown (your Exile/ Babylon)? <input type="checkbox"/> v.18-20: How was it to be 'back to the future', not 'back to the past'? How open/ hungry are you for what God has next for us/ you? <input type="checkbox"/> v.19: Why was it necessary to address their heart (towards others and God)? What (or who) is the 'new spirit'? What happens when we are full of/ baptised in the Holy Spirit? <input type="checkbox"/> v.22-25: How do we (you) 'practice the presence of God'?		
 Go further	<input type="checkbox"/> In Ch.10, God's Glory (presence) departed. Is the absence of God the ultimate definition of hell? Some images of 'eternal torment' owe more to late Medieval/ early Renaissance artists like Dante than to the Bible. Do you agree?		
 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"/> Psalm 46:10. Meditate on each word: "be still and know that I am God."		
 Do	<input type="checkbox"/> Find out who are your elected representatives: Local Councillors, MP, Mayor (and other candidates for these roles). Pray for them. 1 Timothy 2:1-2.		
 Pray	<i>Dear God,            Thank you for Your presence (Glory) with me/us right now). This is ___ because ___.            Soften my heart towards ___. Fill me again with Your Holy Spirit.. Amen.</i>		
 My questions:			

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