



## Small Group/ Reflection Notes

	11-04-2021	When Paul got 'bleeped'	
Start	<input type="checkbox"/> Following the lockdown Road Map, what have you enjoyed doing <i>this week</i> that you weren't able to do <i>last week</i> ?		
Discuss	<input type="checkbox"/> Why are some words considered acceptable 'in polite company' and others not? Who decides? <input type="checkbox"/> When have you done or received something that was an undeserved blessing?		
Read	<b>Philippians 3:1-14</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: Why was Paul so <input type="checkbox"/> v.2: Why were some established leaders insisting that new converts must be circumcised if they are to be acceptable to God? What expectations/ requirements do we sometimes place on new people that have more to do with our traditions/ history than God's agenda? <input type="checkbox"/> v.3: Why/ how do those new to faith sometimes have more spiritual insight (albeit, intuitively) than more long-established believers? <input type="checkbox"/> v.4-6: What was it about Paul's story that meant he really understood and was shaped by God's grace? <input type="checkbox"/> v.7: When we talk of God's 'grace', what do we mean? Why can grace not be earnt? Why do we sometimes struggle with the notion of 'grace'? <input type="checkbox"/> v.8: Was Paul justified in using such strong language/ 'choice' slang - translated as 'garbage' (NIV/ GNT) or 'dung' (KJV) - to oppose those who were suggesting God's grace-alone was insufficient? <input type="checkbox"/> v.10: How are we changed by Christ's life, death, <i>and</i> resurrection? Why would happen if we tried to follow just Christ's life (role model), death (martyr), OR resurrection (superstition)? Both/and, not either/or. <input type="checkbox"/> v.12: Why/ how is grace on-going process, not just a one-off event? <input type="checkbox"/> v13-14: What is the prize you are pressing on towards?		
Go further	<input type="checkbox"/> Read Romans 6:1. Dr Martin Lloyd Jones famously said that unless your preaching of grace leads people to wonder if it therefore doesn't matter how they live, you haven't actually preached grace at all. What did he mean? 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?		
Do	<input type="checkbox"/> Do some ARK – acts of random kindness. e.g. leave a token gift & encouraging message on someone's doorstep...		



Pray

*Dear God,  
Thank you for Jesus \_\_\_\_\_. When I look at Jesus's life, death, and resurrection I want to worship and thank you because \_\_\_\_\_. But it also helps me see that I am \_\_\_\_ and I therefore seek Your \_\_\_\_\_. I saved by Jesus' life, death and resurrection. Amen.*



My questions:

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

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