



Small Group/ Reflection Notes

	25-04-2021	Microwaves, calculators and God's grace!	
 Start	<input type="checkbox"/> When/ where did you experience <i>grace</i> this week? (unexpected/ undeserved)?		
 Discuss	<input type="checkbox"/> To what extent do you <i>manage</i> your finances? What's your approach? <input type="checkbox"/> To what extent can you trust your feelings?		
 Read	Romans 6:1-14	 Listen again	ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Watch ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Talks
 Explore	<input type="checkbox"/> v.1-2: What was the question Paul was answering? If God accepts/ forgives us, no matter, just because we are 'in Christ', is that <input type="checkbox"/> v.3-4: Why is baptism so much more than just a ritual/ rite of passage? If you've been baptised, what was it like? How did you <i>feel</i> at the time? <input type="checkbox"/> v.5-7: Why are we sometimes ' <u>slaves</u> to sin'? To what extent does your 'old self' <i>feel</i> 'crucified with Christ'? <input type="checkbox"/> v.8-10: Why does death have no 'mastery' over Christ? What about us? To what extent do you <i>feel</i> this? <input type="checkbox"/> v.11: ' <u>Count</u> yourselves..' is an accounting reference. What is double-entry book-keeping? You bank statement tells if you are <i>either</i> in credit <i>or</i> in debit/ overdrawn. Imagine you are overdrawn and have no means to change this. How does living in debt feel? Then imagine you receive an unexpected gift that clears your debt/ puts you in credit? How do you then feel? But even if you didn't, what would be the <i>truth</i> of your finances? <input type="checkbox"/> Why is Paul saying we were <u>all</u> once 'overdrawn' with God? <input type="checkbox"/> What did Christ do to transfer us from <i>debit</i> to <i>credit</i> ? <input type="checkbox"/> Why is this NOT about what <u>we</u> do or <i>feel</i> ? How does this <u>truth</u> help when we <i>feel</i> broken, cut off from God, or full of shame? Or when we <i>feel</i> puffed up with pride, ego, or religion? <input type="checkbox"/> Why do some Christians say they're 'saved by <i>faith</i> ' but then try to 'live by <i>law</i> '? Why do they need to their spiritual accounts? <input type="checkbox"/> v.12-14: If we are 'in Christ', why will we find ourselves not 'going back'?		
 Go further	<input type="checkbox"/> Watch 'Enjoying God's grace' with Terry Virgo https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=11qLUcvqPIM		
 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"/> Review your personal finances. What, if any, changes do you need to make to your income/ outgoings?
 Pray	<p><i>Dear God,</i> <i>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.</i></p>
 My questions:	

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