








Small Group/ Reflection Notes

	24.10.21	Gender Justice	
 Start	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Did you know: Women make up less than 24% of the world's parliamentarians; On average, women are paid 24% less than men for comparable work, across all regions and sectors; 153 countries have laws which discriminate against women economically, including 18 countries where husbands can legally prevent their wives from working; Worldwide, 1 in 3 women and girls will experience violence or abuse in their lifetime. (Source: Oxfam) 		
 Discuss	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ What steps towards gender justice have we as a society made in the past 100 years? □ What do we still need to do? 		
 Read	Psalm 139	 Listen again	ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Watch ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Talks
 Explore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ What examples can you think of where laws around gender justice have changed, but attitudes still need to be challenged? Consider 'banter', so-called locker-room talk etc. □ What reasons do you think there are for this injustice still lingering? □ How do we know that gender inequality is not God's design for humanity? How and why does His agenda get disturbed along the way? □ How does Christ's intervention redress the imbalance in God's creation agenda? Can you point to examples from the gospels where Jesus has modelled gender justice? □ How does the world we live in put pressure on men and women to live defined roles? How does Psalm 139 (esp. v1-6) refute this? □ How does knowing that God has searched you and knows you give you peace? □ In the Bible, the sea is often symbolic of chaos: how does this interpretation bring an extra level of meaning to verses 7-12? □ How could vs 13-18 be comforting and also empowering in the face of injustice? □ What is the cause of the anger in verses 19-22? How could this be used in prayer today? □ How do you respond to Paul's teachings about women, for example in 1 Timothy 2? 		

 Go further	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Galatians 3: 26-29 - how do you understand this passage in the light of gender justice? How does it work alongside Psalm 139 to teach us about God's agenda for humanity in his image? □ What does this mean for the way we see each other and relate to each other?
 Reflect	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Which one verse stands out to you? Why do you think it grabs your attention? □ Which verse(s) will you need to think more about? Why? □ What is God putting on <i>your</i> heart?
 Do	<p>Personal: Meditate on Psalm 139. Have a go at repeating: 'You made me.'</p> <p>Social: be alert for instances of gender injustice and look for ways to challenge these.</p>
 Pray	<p>Creator God, You made me to be the person you always knew I could be. Thank you that you know _____. Forgive me when _____. Please lead me to _____. In Jesus' name, Amen.</p> <p>Spend some time praying over instances of gender injustices you are aware of - either globally or closer to home.</p>
 My questions:	

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