







Small Group/ Reflection Notes

	w/c 22 nd January 2023	We are God's treasure
 Start	<input type="checkbox"/> Host <i>Portrait Artist of the Year Small Group</i> . Provide paper & pencils/ paper. Challenge small group members to create in 5 minutes a portrait of someone in the room. Then, take it in turns to guess who the subject is.	
 Discuss	<input type="checkbox"/> How do you put a price on art? What are the reasons why some art is so valuable? <input type="checkbox"/> Imagine, an art masterpiece is mistreated/ discarded and left buried in the ground, covered by years of dirt. It's buried treasure.	
 Read	Ephesians 2:1-10	 Catch-up ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Watch
 Explore	<input type="checkbox"/> v.1-2 How does treasure come to find itself <i>buried</i> ? What can buried treasure not do? <input type="checkbox"/> v.3 How might we be/have once been spiritually like buried treasure? What kind of attitudes/ actions might have further contributed to our spiritual burial? Where does/did that leave us? <input type="checkbox"/> v.4-5 Phew! <u>But</u> <i>what</i> ? How is God like THE ultimate Dectorist of dectorists? What has God done? How? Why? What motivated God? Why do become <i>more alive</i> with God? <input type="checkbox"/> v.6-7 How did God 'dig us up'? What did God do? What difference could/ does that make for us today? If this is what Christ has already done, what's all that we have to do? When a detectorist finds treasure, how do they react? Read Luke 15:10 How does God react when we are unearthered? <input type="checkbox"/> v.8 What is 'grace'? Why is it grace that buried treasure is dug up? Why is grace all the more <i>amazing</i> grace when we accept our previous v.1-3 <i>buried</i> state? <input type="checkbox"/> v.9 What are 'works'? What <i>works</i> do we sometimes substitute for <i>grace</i> ? Why do we try to fix ourselves instead f accept what Christ has already done/ won for us? What impact does this have on us? <input type="checkbox"/> v.10 We are God's <i>ποίημα</i> (<i>poiēma</i>), literally God's masterpieces/ priceless works of art/ treasure. What difference could knowing this make to how you accept yourself? How you see others? Is there a difference between <i>knowing</i> and <i>accepting</i> / living this? What are we created <i>to do</i> ?	
 Go further	<input type="checkbox"/> Luke 15:1-32 What does it mean to be 'lost'? Have you ever felt 'lost'? What does it then mean to be 'found'? Why is there such celebration when something (or someone) is found? To what extent do we join in the celebrations when someone finds God? <input type="checkbox"/> Does God find us or do we find God?	

 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 feel/ accept you are God's <i>treasure</i> ? <input type="checkbox"/> Watch/ listen to the worship song: Reckless Love by Cory Asbury (2017).
 Do	<input type="checkbox"/> Visit an art gallery and study its art treasures. Picture <u>you</u> being one of them!
 Pray	<p><i>Dear God,</i> <i>Thank you that You declare I am _____. I confess that I was once _____. BUT NOW,</i> <i>because of YOU and what you have already done, I am _____. Lord, Your grace is _____.</i> <i>Help me to live like _____. Thank you that you have created me to _____. Amen.</i></p>
 My questions:	

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