







Small Group/ Reflection Notes

17-03-2024		iPray – for my nearest & dearest	
 Start	<input type="checkbox"/> To what extent are you anticipating/ prepared for this Easter? What does your Easter generally look like/ comprise?		
 Discuss	<input type="checkbox"/> Where are you on the ‘final approach’/ flightpath to BHX, Birmingham International Airport? <input type="checkbox"/> What does ‘final approach’ mean/ look like for those on the plane? <input type="checkbox"/> Why by John 17 is Jesus on ‘final approach’ to Easter? What’s already happened? What’s still to come? <input type="checkbox"/> How are we/ you on ‘final approach’ to Easter?		
 Read	<u>John 17:6-19</u>	 Listen again	ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Watch
 Explore	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>v.6</u> : How did/ does Jesus ‘ <i>reveal</i> ’ God? See <u>John 14:8-10</u> & <u>Colossians 1:15</u> . <input type="checkbox"/> Who are the ‘ <i>yours</i> ’? Why do <i>we</i> belong to God? How do <i>you</i> feel about <i>belonging</i> to God? What difference does that make? <input type="checkbox"/> <u>v.9</u> : Who was Jesus praying for? See also <u>Romans 8:34</u> & <u>Hebrews 7:25</u> . How does it feel to know <i>Christ</i> is praying for <i>you</i> ? What might Christ be praying for you? What does it mean to ‘pray in the spirit’? Why is Jesus <i>not</i> praying generically for ‘the world’ but rather for specific people in specific situations? How might that guide our/ your praying for those around/ near to us/you? <input type="checkbox"/> <u>v.11</u> : What does Jesus mean by ‘ <i>the world</i> ’? What does Jesus want ‘Holy Father’ to do for His followers? Why not simply <i>remove</i> them from difficulties/ challenges? <input type="checkbox"/> <u>v.13</u> : Is ‘ <i>joy</i> ’ possible during trial/ suffering? How? What’s the measure? When have you experienced surprising joy, despite circumstances? <input type="checkbox"/> <u>v.15</u> : How does ‘ <i>evil</i> ’ contribute to ours or others’ suffering? <input type="checkbox"/> <u>v.17</u> : Is ‘truth’ more than just what Jesus taught? See <u>John 14:6</u> : What does it mean that Jesus <u>IS</u> Truth? What is the ‘word’? The Greek ‘word’ here is ‘Logos’. See <u>John 1:1</u> : <u>Jesus</u> is the Logos, THE Word. What’s the relationship between Jesus and the Bible? The Bible <i>contains</i> the word of God, Jesus <i>IS</i> the Word of God. To what extent do you agree/ disagree with this statement?		
 Go further	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>v.15</u> : In the Lord’s Prayer, what did Jesus teach us to pray? If Jesus taught us, ‘ <i>deliver us from <u>evil</u></i> ’ should modern Bible translators add in ‘ <i>evil <u>one</u></i> ’? Compare with KJV. Does describing evil as a character/ person/ personality: a) underestimate/ disguise the impact/ seriousness of evil – so we don’t take it seriously enough? b) overinflate the power/ credibility of evil – so we take it too seriously? If evil is the opposite/ antithesis of God, and three-in-one God is personality/ knowable, then evil cannot be a person/ personality. To what extent do you agree/ disagree with this statement?		

 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"/> Go plane spotting. Stand outside or use a 'flight app' to watch planes on 'final approach'. What are they heading towards? What's going on inside the plane? What does it mean to be on 'final approach' to Easter? For Jesus? For the Disciples? For you? <input type="checkbox"/> Participate in the 24 hours of prayer 9:00 am Saturday 30 th March (Easter Saturday) to 9:00 am Sunday 31 st (Easter Sunday)
 Pray	Say slowly and repeat multiple times: <i>Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen. Glory to the Father, and to the...</i>
 My questions:	

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