








Small Group/ Reflection Notes

	09-03-2025	Backward steps for forward living	
 Start	<input type="checkbox"/> What has your week been like?		
 Discuss	<input type="checkbox"/> How has your neighbourhood changed over the years? What changes have been for the better? What changes have been for the worse? When is nostalgia <i>constructive</i> ? When is nostalgia <i>destructive</i> ? <input type="checkbox"/> What's the point of history? <input type="checkbox"/> When does the <i>past</i> help us deal better with the <i>present</i> and prepare for the <i>future</i> ? <input type="checkbox"/> <i>"Memory produces hope in the same way that amnesia produces despair."</i> Walter Bruggemann <input type="checkbox"/> <i>"Those who fail to learn from history are doomed to repeat it."</i> Winston Churchill <input type="checkbox"/> <i>"If we do not transform our pain, we will most surely transmit it."</i> Richard Rohr		
 Read	Numbers 14:2-4 John 21:15-19	 Listen again	ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Watch ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Talks
 Explore	<input type="checkbox"/> Numbers 14:2 : Why were the Hebrews grumbling? See chapter 13 . What had they been told their future in the Promised Land was like? What were the <i>opportunities</i> and <i>threats</i> ? What happens when 'glass half-empty' people dominate the narrative? What difference do 'glass half-full' people make? By temperament, which are you? Why were the Hebrews suddenly nostalgic for the 'Egypt' they had escaped from? What, 'back in the good old days', had life been like for them in Egypt? What does it mean to look back with 'rose-tinted spectacles'? What are <i>push</i> and <i>pull</i> factors? What were the <i>push</i> and <i>pull</i> factors that had prompted the Hebrews to have left Egypt? If they were unsettled by their present wilderness, was the answer to go <i>back</i> (to Egypt) or keep going <i>forwards</i> (to the Promised Land)? What might this mean for <i>us</i> today? <input type="checkbox"/> Numbers 14:3 : Why were the Hebrews blaming God? Who had they been listening to? What happens when we let fear rule us? <input type="checkbox"/> Numbers 14:4 : Where was Moses leading the Hebrew to? Where did the 'grumblers' want to return to? What were some secretly discussing/ plotting? <input type="checkbox"/> Numbers 14:5 : How did Moses and Aaron respond to the assembly/ congregation? Why? <input type="checkbox"/> Numbers 14:6-9 : What did Joshua and Caleb say? Why? What qualified them to speak? What was their challenge to the Hebrews? <input type="checkbox"/> Numbers 14:10-20 : Why did God take it personally when the Hebrews grumbled against Moses? How did Moses intercede on behalf of the		

	<p>grumbling Hebrews? What does this say about Moses' character? How was this reflecting God's character? What</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Numbers 14:21-23: If God had forgiven the Hebrews, why say they would never make it to the Promised Land? Was <i>God</i> preventing them from entering what God had promised them? Or was it rather the consequence of their own actions/ attitudes? When/ how can our actions hold us back?</p>
 Go further	<p><input type="checkbox"/> John 21:15-19</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> What had the last few days been like for Peter? How had Peter failed Jesus? How might Peter have been feeling? What might Peter have felt he deserved? Instead, how did Jesus respond to Peter? What effect did this have on Peter?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> What was the one leading <i>question</i> Jesus kept asking Peter? Why <i>that</i> question? How do <i>you</i> answer that question today/now?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> What was the one leading <i>invitation/ challenge</i> Jesus brought to Peter? What <i>that</i> challenge? How do <i>you</i> respond to that invitation/ challenge today/ now?</p>
 Reflect	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Which one verse stands out to you? Why do you think it grabs your attention?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Which verse(s) will you need to think more about? Why?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> What past experiences/ events in your life led you to make positive changes?</p>
 Do	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Look back through your social media timeline/ past posts (or diaries!) What moments are you especially grateful for? Why? What moments are you relieved to have moved on from? Why?</p>
 Pray	<p>Say this slowly and repeatedly:</p> <p><i>Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for evermore. Amen.</i></p>
 My questions:	

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