













## Small Group/ Reflection Notes

	28-09-2025	Old & New Testaments?
 Start	<input type="checkbox"/> How many actors have played The Doctor in BBC's Dr Who? How many can you name? Who is/ was your favourite?	
 Discuss	<input type="checkbox"/> What's your experience of the Old Testament? <input type="checkbox"/> How is the Old Testament sometimes caricatured? <input type="checkbox"/> How do we/ you make sense of the Old Testament? <input type="checkbox"/> Why are the Old Testament and New Testament apparently so different? <input type="checkbox"/> <i>"The Old Testament can only be understood through the life, teaching and ministry of Jesus."</i> Discuss.	
 Read	<a href="#">Hebrews 1:1-3</a>	 Listen again <a href="http://ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Watch">ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Watch</a> <a href="http://ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Talks">ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Talks</a>
 Explore	<p>Read Luke 10:25-27:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">v.25</a>: Who was asking? What might have been their motives?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">v.26</a>: How would you summarise the Old Testament?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">v.27</a>: How did Jesus summarise the Old Testament?</li> </ul> <p>Read Matthew 5:17-20:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">v.17</a>: Does this mean <i>every</i> verse in the Old Testament must be followed/ obeyed today? e.g. <a href="#">Leviticus 19:19</a>? Cavapoos, polyester shirts? <a href="#">Joshua 6:21</a>: What does this call for? It's in the Bible: is this what we should do now? Why? How does Jesus <i>fulfil</i> the Law?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">v.18-19</a>: Some <i>omit</i> verses they don't agree with/ understand. Others <i>swallow</i> verses (without curiosity/ question). What is Jesus calling us to do?</li> </ul> <p>Read Matthew 5:43-48:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">v.43</a>: What were they hearing? Where from? How was it being used? How are the Bible/ Christian symbols being used by some today to stir up?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">v.44</a>: Instead, what did Jesus call us to do? How does this compare to <a href="#">Joshua 6:21</a>?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">v.45</a>: Why does living this way align us to heavenly Father's Way?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">v.45</a>: Jesus referenced - <i>but changed</i> - <a href="#">Deuteronomy 28</a>. How? Why? Deuteronomy 28 pitched <i>blessings</i> for the righteous (people like us) but <i>judgment</i> (dustbowl famine) for the unrighteous (everyone else). Why might this, at the time, have been a radical pitch? How was Jesus <i>fulfilling</i> this? Why was it not sufficient for Jesus (even though it was in the Scriptures)? What does this tell us about the relationship between Old Testament (+ New Testament) and Jesus?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">v.46-47</a>: Though not 'Party Political', how does Jesus' life and teaching have a political/ social dimension? Should what we believe/ see about Jesus affect how we live, treat 'strangers', even how we vote?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">v.48</a>: Better translated, "Be <i>complete/ whole</i>" i.e. be consistent.</li> </ul>	

 Go further	<input type="checkbox"/> How does the Old Testament carry hints/ clues about Jesus Christ? <input type="checkbox"/> Research examples/ incidents.
 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"/> Get an eye test. How would/ does finding the right lens prescription enable you to see with greater clarity what was always there?
 Pray	Almighty God, Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path. Give me understanding of Your Way, Truth and Life. Help me to live what I read. Amen
 My questions:	

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