

Small Group Resources
Date: 30th April 2017

Theme & Passage(s)	Theme – Lectionary readings for the Third Sunday of Easter Passages – Acts 2:14a, 36-41, 1 Peter 1:17-23, Luke 24:13-35
Welcome	Share your experiences of being a ‘foreigner’ or ‘stranger’; what did it teach you? OR Share times when you have felt like a stranger or foreigner because of your faith even if you have been ‘at home’.
Worship	<p>Psalms and songs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 • Use this track just to listen and allow th truths to minister to your spirit: Such love https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9R4N2G5RZng • Use this track to sing along to The Lord’s my Shepherd https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pN4tPkX0MG0 <p>Worship Ideas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read the whole or the parts printed above of Ps116 together – slowly aloud together or just one reader. • Use one of the tracks above to sing or listen to. • Give some time to worshipful prayers (keeping intercession for later). Focus on who God is, on what he has done, on how He loves us.
Word/ Read & Reflect	<p>Begin in silence, welcoming the Holy Spirit to guide you. If you haven’t already read 1 Peter 1: 17-23 read it now and then be silent. Read again. Be silent once more, attentive to the Spirit.</p> <p>Share out of this experience...</p> <p>If time, consider some of the following questions...</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How do you think we can guard against taking Jesus’ sacrifice for us for granted, not appreciating what He has done for us? 2. Can anyone share a testimony of finding freedom in Christ from any type of ‘slavery’ or a sense of an ‘empty way of life’? Go on, be brave for other’s encouragement! 3. If an inevitable consequence of loving God is loving others deeply, from the heart (or ‘at full stretch’ ‘at full intensity’ ‘all out’) in what ways do you/could you shape your life in order to love Him more? What would loving God more mean to you?