

Theme & Passages	<b>We do not grieve as other men do</b> 1 Thess 4:13-18	Notes prepared by Gill Hawkins
	N.B. This week's SGR are based on The6ix sermon which is now available on BBC's Youtube channel	
Welcome (10 mins)	The days following Jesus' resurrection must have been incredible for the disciples and others as they began to absorb the reality of it and its implications. Have some fun together sharing your 'death to life' stories; things that seemed beyond hope which were somehow revived e.g. plants, relationships, financial situations, holidays or dreams etc	
Worship (15 mins)	<ul> <li>In this post-resurrection period we can move too quickly away from the wonder of the resurrection. Take some time this week to meditate together on one of the gospel chapters that focus on the period following the resurrection Matt 28, Mark 16, Luke 24, John 20 + 21.</li> <li>Find inner and out stillness together in a moment of silence</li> <li>Recognise and journal your feelings and the grace you seek in your time of worship. Ask the Spirit to help you pray</li> <li>After a 2min silence have a member read the chapter twice</li> <li>Take another 2min silence during which you each imaginatively enter the piece of narrative you've just heard</li> <li>Pray out of your experience your praise and worship of the amazing truth of resurrection</li> </ul>	
Working with God (20 mins):	For our WWG section this week reflect on our baptismal service of Sunday morning. What impacted you the most? Share your memories of the testimonies you heard.	
<b>Evangelism</b> <b>Discipleship</b> Compassion Justice Creation Care	<ul> <li>Thank God for such a faith-building time together for BBC</li> <li>Pray for the many visitors we welcomed who had no faith background and their continuing relationships with those who were baptised</li> <li>Pray for our next baptism service, already in the planning, already with two candidates waiting</li> <li>Pray for any of our fellowship who are contemplating taking this important step</li> </ul>	
Word (20-25ins)	<ul> <li>Watch/listen to The6ix sermon on 1 Thess 4</li> <li>How does this teaching encourage you?</li> <li>Do you think that our culture's 'taboo' around death unduly influences us in the church? Do we shy away from encouraging one another with our promised future hope?</li> <li>Who do you know who most strongly lives out of their future hope in God? What is it that you see in them?</li> <li>What difference does our future hope make to our attitudes to the future? e.g. money, work, relationships, ageing</li> <li>What do you think would help you to live out of this truth more and more?</li> </ul>	