

Small Group Resources: Nov-Dec 2018

Theme & Passage	Good News for Everyone
Intro	<p>In the next few weeks we anticipate that many of our groups will be continuing the <i>Come and See</i> course. We are keen that none of you feel rushed to complete this. <i>Please take the time needed.</i></p> <p>Our new preaching series, ‘Good News for Everyone’, follows on well from CAS, exploring how the Gospel is good news for a variety of groups and life-situations within our community. Here are the titles:</p> <p>Good News for those in Debt Good News for the Young Good News for the Old(er) Good News for LBTQ+ people Good News for the Troubled in Mind Good News for the Stranger Good News for All of Creation</p> <p><i>We recognise that the last one is not really a group or life-situation! This final sermon will round up the series with the reminder that God’s Good News is for all that He has made. As Paul puts it in Romans 8: Creation itself waits to be brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God (Rom. 8:19-2).</i></p> <p>For those who have completed CAS, a simple framework is given below to help groups engage with whatever group or life situation is in focus in any given week. You can join the series at any point. There may also be some extra <i>follow through</i> resources provided by our preachers, which will be sent out via the Monday Bulletin for use by individuals and/or groups.. Please do not feel that you have to complete everything - do what is helpful to your group.</p>
Worship	<p>We have recently put together some ideas for worship in small groups. You can download these from our website in the small group resources area. Look for the PDF file <i>Creative Worship Ideas</i>.</p>
Word	<p>Whatever the passage for week, try using the lectio Divina approach to reading and reflecting together. There is a simple guide to this included in the small group resources area of our website - look for <i>lectio divina steps</i>.</p> <p>For any of the groups and/or life situations featured in the current preaching series, follow this simple approach:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Identify the characteristics, needs and potentials of the group/life situation 2 What issues are there for this group/life situation? 3 How does the Gospel speak to this group/life-situation? <i>You may find it helpful to think about particular biblical stories or passages that seem relevant.</i>
Working it	<p>Are there any actions that might be taken by individuals or by the group in light of your</p>

Out	conversation? Pray for the group/life-situation you have been considering - especially for people and situations known to you.
Extra Resources	The Talking Jesus Project has recently produced a resource to help Christians in sharing their faith. It is a six-week, video based course designed for use in small groups. We have purchased a number of copies: some using DVDs and some on USBs. If you would like to check this out as a group, have a word with Gill or Caroline. <i>We anticipate the course being used at different times by different groups in the year ahead, so there is no rush to do this!</i>