

## Life Group Notes 25<sup>th</sup> April 2021

**You have been set free to serve the gospel of Jesus Christ**

***What did God speak to you about on Sunday? What can you remember from Si's message?***

You have been set free to serve the gospel of Jesus Christ. Paul whilst bringing the Corinthians attention to issue of giving, his heart was for the gospel to be proclaimed and more people to be saved. God has called you to spread the gospel so don't let anything distract you from the eternal weight of the divine call on your life. Live for the gospel, share the gospel, and enable others to promote it through your giving. **Read 1 Cor 9**

Very simply this week the challenge is to pray and then go:

***One at a time share 2 or 3 people they would like to come to know Jesus? After a person shares, don't move onto the next person, but get 2 or 3 people in the group to pray for those friends by name that they would be open to the gospel, and pray boldness on the person sharing, for the right words and an opportunity to share with one or all of them this week. Whilst rest of the group be open to prophetic words for them. Then move on to the next person, repeat until whole group is done.***

***The challenge now before next week is for us to go and share the gospel with at least one of the friends you have mentioned and believe God to have prepared the way for you. Feed back to the group how it went next week. Just to be sure people know what they are sharing you may want to run through the key elements of the gospel with them and get them to practice putting it into their own words.***

God made humanity to enjoy friendship with him forever. However sadly rather than be grateful the human race rejected God and turned their back on him, placing us and this world under God's judgement and alienated from him. Nothing we can do now can make amends for this, and in truth we all constantly do things that are wrong before a holy God anyway, the bible calls this sin. However, God in his love has made a way for us to be forgiven and restored in our friendship with him through Jesus Christ.

Jesus, God's Son, came to earth and lived a perfect life fully meeting everything God requires of us, and then he choose to die on a cross in order to face God's righteous judgement against us. 3 days later Christ was raised to life as a sign that God has accepted Jesus' death on our behalf, the way to God is open to us now. Through putting our trust in Jesus we are forgiven, he bears the punishment of all who surrender their lives to him, and brings us into God's family. Giving us the certain hope of spending eternity with God on a renewed and perfected world. What we could not earn ourselves we can receive as a gift from God through a prayer of surrender to him.

***Remember Alpha Course starts 17<sup>th</sup> June look to invite them on this.***

***Recommended book to read – Tom Wright, "Paul for everyone 1 Corinthians"***