

Life Group Notes – Sunday 20 January 2018

Read Isaiah 62 v1-5

These verses contain wonderful truths about how God sees us and wants the world to see us. Take 5 minutes of quiet to meditate on the words and let God speak to you. Share your thoughts,

Ask yourself honestly whether you have taken hold of these truths. Do you know deep down that you are ‘a crown of splendour in the lord’s hand, a royal diadem in the hand of your God’?

Read the passages below, which express these truths in different ways.

Romans 8 v 28-39

Galatians 2 v19-21

Ephesians 1 v3-8

Choose one of the passages and spend a few minutes in silence allowing God to speak to you. Share your thoughts.

The passage in Romans contains the challenging verse, ‘And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to His purpose.’

How do you react when things appear to go wrong? In verse 35, Paul lists things that do not separate us from God’s love – trouble, hardship, persecution, famine, nakedness, danger, sword.

How can you help yourself, and others, to stand in the truth of knowing that each of us in ‘a crown of splendour in the Lord’s hand’?

Go back to the verses in Isaiah and read them again. The prophet begins by talking about salvation shining out like a blazing torch. What impact does living in the truth of God’s promises have on non-believers you are in contact with – at home, at work, in the community? Share examples where you have seen this impact.