

Life Group Notes this week – World Mission and being Blessed to be a Blessing

Here are some very quickly cobbled together questions you might like to use in your life groups this week to pick up from what we reflected on yesterday...

Not particularly in any order... do what you feel drawn to for your group.

Introduction

Start by asking for any reflections from any of the services people attended on Sunday.

- What stood out for them?
- What did God speak to them about through those services?

Our Small Mission in God's Big Mission

In Elise Fletcher's update video (which you might want to watch if lots of your group did not see it <https://youtu.be/Cp11PIS1XzI>) starting 5 minutes in, she talks about her and Jon's 'Personal Mission Statements' that they wrote 10 years ago. They describe their 'personal mission statements' as '**our SMALL part to play in the BIG Mission of God**'

- Do people think they have a 'personal mission' from God – which is their small part to play in God's big mission? Or is that just for 'special people'?

Read **Ephesians 2:10**. What does this say to us?

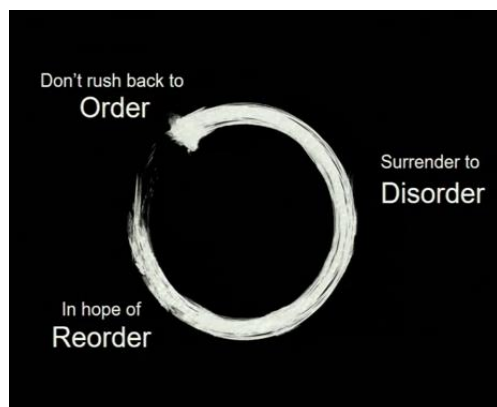
- Give everyone 10 minutes of silence and space to think and pray and listen to God. What might God be saying is the little bit of God's big mission that he is asking you to do at the moment?
- You might even invite people to write their own very simple 'Mission Statements' (they don't need to be complicated and wordy like Jon and Elise's)
- And pray for each other's missions....

Order – Disorder – Reorder

(<https://youtu.be/mXKI3LTsaTI> sermon starts 56 mins in)

Jon in his sermon based on Matthew 16:1-4, 13-23 talked about the cycle of 'order – disorder – re-order' where we go through difficult times and are transformed through them. Just like the Easter story... of death and resurrection.

- How do people see this playing out in their lives? What times of disorder have you been through?
- How have you been transformed through disorder?
- How can we persevere through the touch times, to allow God to bring us through to re-order and transformation?



DEEPER – Blessed to be a Blessing – Dave on Sunday night. (The sermon is currently on this link <https://youtu.be/zhgqvAbfp6o> but will be edited and moved to a permanent link in the next 24 hours – under All Saints services probably)

Genesis 12:1-3

Here, God says to Abram, I will bless you... so that you can be a blessing... He and the nation of Israel were not to keep God's blessings to themselves, but were to bless others with them, to point others to God.

- What blessings has God given us/you? (money, possessions, houses, time, skills & experience, good health, stable family etc.)
- How do we 'bless others' from the blessings that God has given us both as individuals and as a church.
- Have a time of quiet and be open to God. How is he calling us to 'be blessed to be a blessing at this time?'

Pray for our Mission Partners

- Take some time as a group to pray for any of our mission partners

[apologies – I was not at All Saints and we were not able to record the service for technical reasons, so if you were at All Saints on Sunday you might like to add your own questions from what Pat shared].