







Small Group/ Reflection Notes

30.01.22		New Year, New You: Work	
 Start	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> How do you feel about small talk? <input type="checkbox"/> What are the/your best and worst conversation starters? 		
 Discuss	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Why do we so often ask each other, especially strangers, 'What do you <u>do</u>'? <input type="checkbox"/> What do we do with this information, consciously / subconsciously? What's the subtext? 		
 Read	Psalm 90:12-17	 Listen again	<p>ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Watch ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Talks</p>
 Explore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> How has the pandemic affected our views and values as a society about what people do for work? Consider what we considered essential and important before, and after. Who turned out to be a 'key' worker? <input type="checkbox"/> What do we count as 'work'? Does it have to be paid? How would you define it? <input type="checkbox"/> Paul says that we are 'co-workers' with God - this suggests God works too! What does He do? What is our role as workers with Him? <input type="checkbox"/> The Bible is full of stories of people who worked: Adam, Noah, Joseph, Ruth, Deborah, Lydia - what sort of work did they do? How did they square this with worship and service of God? <input type="checkbox"/> Why do you think the New Testament tells us the jobs of the disciples when they are called? How is it significant that the fishermen don't quit the business completely? Can you think of examples of when their profession becomes useful to Jesus' ministry and outreach? <input type="checkbox"/> In Mark 6:3 those listening to Jesus are both amazed and offended by the way 'the carpenter' has the authority to teach, stepping beyond the confines of being his work. What does he say elsewhere about what His work is? <input type="checkbox"/> Paul, with his skills as a tentmaker, is perfectly placed to build up Priscilla and Aquila (Acts 18:2-3) - can you think of people who have been placed in your life to build up and encourage your faith? How has God placed you as a worker for Him and His kingdom? 		
 Go further	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Read Colossians 3:23-24. This comes from Paul's instructions to Christian bondservants, or slaves. What reason does he give for working in this way? <input type="checkbox"/> Jesus calls us to whole life discipleship - not just Sunday / church worship. What does this look like for you in your work, whether you're in paid employment or not? 		

 Reflect	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> What does this passage teach us about God? <input type="checkbox"/> What does this passage teach us about others? <input type="checkbox"/> What does this passage teach us about ourselves?
 Do	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Update or create your CV/ LinkedIn profile. Do you reference your involvement with church/ faith? <input type="checkbox"/> Find out more about our Job Club. ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/JobClub
 Pray	<p>Teach us, dear Lord, to number our days, that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. Oh, satisfy us early with your mercy, that we may rejoice and be glad all of our days. And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us and establish the work of our hands. <i>Thanks to the Northumbria Community for this midday prayer.</i></p>
 My questions:	

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