



Small Group/ Reflection Notes

07-01-2024		iGather – because Jesus did	
 Start	<input type="checkbox"/> What was your Christmas/ New Year like? <input type="checkbox"/> Did you or others do a 'Chris Rea'? If so, how did that go?		
 Discuss	<input type="checkbox"/> What's your earliest memory of church? <input type="checkbox"/> Why do Christians gather with others for worship? <input type="checkbox"/> What's your experience of gathering for worship?		
 Read	<u>Luke 4:14-30</u>	 Listen again	ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Watch
 Explore	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>v.14-15</u> : All sorts of people encountered Jesus in all sorts of places. To what extent do you encounter Jesus any place/ any time/ anyone? <input type="checkbox"/> <u>v.16</u> : If we can encounter Jesus any time/ any place, why gather with others to worship? Why was it Jesus' <i>custom</i> to gather for worship every week? If that was Jesus' custom, should it be ours too? What 'custom' did you inherit from your upbringing? What 'custom' are you passing on to others? <input type="checkbox"/> Where is your 'home town'? What is/might it be like to return to where you are remembered as a toddler, infant, teenager, young adult..? <u>v.24</u> : Why is it sometimes hard to be received for who you are now? <input type="checkbox"/> <u>v.17-21</u> : Jesus read <u>Isaiah 61:1-2</u> . When has ancient Scripture described you, your situation, or purpose today? Why did Jesus omit " <i>and the day of vengeance of our God</i> "? Why does gathering regularly with others for worship ensure we gain a broader/ deeper/ sharper approach to Scripture? <input type="checkbox"/> <u>v.22-23</u> : Why were they OK when Jesus spoke in general terms but so vexed when He spoke specifically? How does this reveal about their understanding of faith/ Scripture? The proverb they frequently quoted, as if it was Scripture, wasn't. What memes/sayings do we use/hear as if they are Scripture? e.g. 'God helps those who help themselves', 'God is in control'..? <input type="checkbox"/> <u>v.24-29</u> : Why did Jesus' Jewish 'home town' audience react so strongly/ viscerally to Jesus likening Himself to Elijah (being saved by a Gentile woman <u>1 Kings 17:7-16</u>) and Elisha (saving the life of Israel's enemy commander <u>2 Kings 5:1-17</u>)? What was Jesus saying? Why did they want to control Jesus' agenda? <input type="checkbox"/> <u>v.30</u> : How might knowing who He was enable Jesus to handle this situation? When has knowing who you are (as a child of God) helped you deal with a difficult situation?		
 Go further	<input type="checkbox"/> Study <u>Deuteronomy 6:1-9</u> : <input type="checkbox"/> Why does each generation/ household have a responsibility/ call to pass on the radical faith to the next generation? What happens when we don't? <input type="checkbox"/> How do we 'contend for the faith' in ways that inspire/ enable, but not oppress, the next generation? What has worked for you? What hasn't worked for you?		

 Reflect	<input type="checkbox"/> Which one verse stands out to you? Why do you think it grabs your attention? <input type="checkbox"/> Which verse(s) will you need to think more about? Why?
 Do	<input type="checkbox"/> Gather with others for worship this week.
 Pray	Dear God, I thank you that _____. Show me more of Your _____. Teach me to be more _____.
 My questions:	

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