

Small Group Notes 7 May 2017. Theme: 'The Gateway to Abundant Joy'

Key Words: Resurrection, Joy, Relationship, Abundant Life

Welcome

- Describe a “gateway” you have walked through that you now regret. What “gateway” are you grateful for having walked through?

Worship

- Sing one of the versions of the 23rd Psalm

Word

Leader briefly summarises John 9:1-41 in their own words. Then **Read** John 10:1-10.

1. Read Ezekiel 34:1-6. The prophet is speaking about leaders who, out of self-interest, abuse God's people. Does Ez. 34 change how you read Jn. 10? Why?
2. Since time immemorial people have hoped for leaders who whose wisdom and leadership would give them abundant life. There are different ways of imagining what a full life would look like (Happiness, Success, Accomplishments, Possessions etc). What is your group's understanding of an abundant life?
3. The parable in John 10 is Jesus' interpretation of what happened to the blind man in John 9. How do you imagine the blind man's life changed? What had God given him? See especially 9:35-38. How does this enhance your view of abundant life?
4. How did God speak to you on Sunday? What if anything do you need to talk hold of, trust in, or commit to?

Works

- Share your experiences of preparing for the Lord's Supper.
- Pray for our confirmation candidates Kyra, Teneille, Nadine, Dylan, Ethan, Kaela, Samantha, Grace, Aidan and Kaylynne.
- In South Sudan, Somalia, Nigeria, and Yemen 20 million people are at risk of starvation. Pray that for them and for those who minister to them.