**Small Group notes – 14 June 2020**

**Welcome**

Have you started something new recently (new job, new hobby, new friendship, new diet…)? Are you having to think/act in new ways? How is it going?

**Worship**Read 2 Corinthians 5 v 16-17 and use these truths as a catalyst for a time of praise and worship.

**Word – New Freedom – Romans chapter 6**

In light of everything we have heard in chapters 1-5, how should we now live?

RED – STOP (v1-2; 15) – stop sinning

AMBER – THINK (v11) – consider yourselves dead to sin but alive to God

 (v17-18) – you used to be slaves to sin, but you are set-free

GREEN – GO (v13) – offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness

Free from the power of sin and free for the purposes of God

**Questions**

1. What errors of thinking had the Roman readers fallen into, and how does Paul correct them (v1; v15)?
2. What does it mean to ‘have died to sin’? (v1-11)
Is this a future hope, or present reality? How can this truth help us each day?
3. What does it mean to be set free from slavery to sin? (v15-18)
How can this statement of truth help us in resisting temptation?
4. What is the alternative to slavery to sin? (v19)
How can ‘walking in the opposite spirit’ help to break the hold or pattern of sin in our lives?
What are the benefits of living this (God’s) way? (v22-23)
5. How can we encourage one another with the truths of this chapter for today, tomorrow and the future?

**Prayers** Continue to pray for Ian McDonald’s recovery and plans to get him home before the end of the month.
Pray for real changes in individuals, organisations and societies across the world in response to the injustices highlighted by the death of George Floyd in the USA.
Pray for the UK and local Government as easing of corona-virus lockdown restrictions continue: for wisdom, clear communication and individual responsibility.