**Discussion/reflection notes – 26th February 2023**

*It may be helpful, to pick up on any of the discussions/ideas from the “Church Profiling Meeting on Saturday morning”, or indeed to reflect and feed in your ideas around the three core questions:*

* *What are we like as a church now?*
* *Where does God want us to go in mission and ministry?*
* *What sort on ministry do we need to take us into that future?*

*Do please share your ideas/suggestions/pictures/prayers with Colin or anyone in the church leadership.*

**Picking up the themes from Sunday’s talk…**

**Welcome**

* Share an encouragement from your quiet time or from seeing God at work over this past week….

**Worship**

* Praise, pray, sing in freedom, as the Spirit leads you…give thanks, confess, intercede, listen…

**Passage – 1 Peter 2: 5, 9-12**

* How might the idea of being pilgrims, priests and prophets be helpful for us as “God’s chosen people” today?
* What is the significance of each of these roles?
* Do any of these resonate with you in particular?
* How might we interpret and apply these ideas to help us as individuals and as a church to fulfil our part in God’s mission?

**Take away**…What calling has the Lord given you? Do you believe he can use you in this?

**Testimony – Prayer**

* Share any examples you have of God working through the power of prayer…
* Are there any areas you are praying hard into where little seems to be happening and you really hope to see a breakthrough?
* “*God works through our work and through our prayers…When we pray we are participating with God in the shaping of the world!*”… Which areas of God’s world do you feel particularly led to help him shape through the power of prayer?

**Take away**…How might the Lord use you and your prayers for his Kingdom purposes?

**Picture – Basketball, photobook, “The Love Story” gospel tract**

* Was there any element of the picture that was shared on Sunday which resonated with you in particular?
* Share any examples of pictures that God has given you either in the past, or present, to encourage you or others in faith and mission…

**Take away**…What is the Lord asking you to bring to play your part in his mission?

**Prayer suggestions**

* Spend some time together praying into the things you have discussed.
* Pray for us as a church and for the church leadership as we seek God’s way in leading us forward in ministry and mission.
* Pray for others that you know in the church fellowship who are in need of God’s special touch at this time.
* For Ukraine and the conflict with Russia. For all those involved in the aftermath of the Turkey/Syria earthquake.
* Pray specifically for one of our church mission partners.