**Small group notes – Sunday 5 March 2023**

**Welcome**

What is your favourite nursery rhyme and why? Discuss the meaning of a nursery rhyme?

What is your favourite thing about Mark’s gospel? What do you find most difficult?

**Worship**

Read Philippians 2:5-11 together

Praise God because “at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord.”

**Word (Mark 1:40-45)**

Discuss your experience of healing in the church. Does healing have a place in church today?

What characterised Jesus preaching? (1:14-15)? What was his message?

What characterised Jesus teaching? (1:21-22)? What did he teach about?

Why did Jesus go about healing? (1:22-34)

What do Jesus’ preaching, teaching and healing have to do with each other?

Discuss what you understand Jesus’ Kingdom to be. What did the Kingdom coming mean for the world of Jesus day? What does it mean today?

In what sense is the Kingdom already here? In what sense is it still to come?

What does already-not yet mean for the promise of healing today?

Discuss the leper’s approach to Jesus (1:40-45). Why did he say “if you are willing”?

Discuss Jesus’ response to the leper. Why was he indignant?

Why does Jesus ask the healed leper to stay silent and offer the necessary sacrifices? (1:43-44)

How should we talk about the possibility of healing within the church community? How should we pray about it?

**Prayer**

Pray the Lord’s prayer and for the healing of each other’s needs (physical, mental, emotional, spiritual). Pray for other needs in our community that you know about.