

## Notes for Leaders

These are the notes for the first 3 home group meetings of the new year. I will send out the remainder later. In general, most group members won't need a full set of notes –only those who are leading a particular week. However, everyone will need copies of the exercise for week 2 (2 pages).

Each week is set out in a four part format: Welcome, Worship, Word & What Next? I will generally stick to this pattern. However, in this set of notes, there is an exercise on week 2 which rather changes the structure that week!! These first 3 studies also heavily err on the application of the passages. We will spend more time on questions about the Bible passages themselves as we get nearer to Easter.

Please don't feel that you must cover everything on the sheets. There are a few key parts of this series that you need to do (particularly the exercise on session 2), but everything else is very much there to prompt you rather than restrict you. Please use the notes to suit your group, but do also try being adventurous sometimes –especially for the Welcome & Worship parts.

In general, the aim of the 'Word' part is to be fairly self-explanatory, requiring minimal preparation and certainly not expertise. Rather, what is needed is an ability (gift?!) for enabling group discussion and participation –to move away from 'question/answer' and involving as many people as possible.

By splitting the meeting plan into four sections, hopefully you can encourage people to lead one part of a meeting even if they don't feel comfortable leading it all. Ideally, you can share the leading each week.

Please do plan in one or two socials before Easter as a group. These could be at a normal meeting time (perhaps on the in-between week of a fortnight) or you might want to do something at a different time (how about a Sunday after church?) I'd encourage you to do things that can involve non-Christians or fringe members (maybe family members or friends).

Thank you to all of you for what you do in leading groups, which are a central part of Christ Church.

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