

## Small group notes – Sunday 10 March 2019

### Welcome

Discuss your favourite novel or film?

Our passage was an early Christian hymn. Reflect on the hymns we sing. What do they teach us?

### Worship

Read Philippians 2:5-11 together

Praise God because that “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 (Colossians 1:15-23)

Discuss the parallels between the experience of Old Testament believers in the Exodus and New Testament believers in coming to Christ? (1:13-14)

What does it mean for humanity to be made in the image of God?

What does it mean for the Son to be the image of the invisible God?

In what sense was the Son the firstborn in verse 15?

Discuss the meaning of the propositions: created *in* him, created *by or through* him, and created *for* him?

Discuss the relationship between modern science (the study of the world) and the Son holding all things together (verse 17)?

What does it mean for the Son to be head of the church?

In what sense is the Son the firstborn from among the dead in verse 18?

What sort of resurrection should we look forward to?

What is the link between the Son's resurrection and his supremacy?

Discuss the meaning of the image of shed blood in verse 20?

Discuss the parallels between Colossians 1:18-19 and Philippians 2:5-11?

### Prayer

Pray for a fresh vision of heavenly reality to us as individuals and as a church

Pray for one of our mission partners