

1) *What are you most grateful to God for about your start in life?*

2) Read the passage Matthew 25v14-30.

For you, what was the single most important thing Rich said?

3) a) Read the Colossians 3v16 - 4v1

v16 encourages us to be grateful to God as we worship.

i) *What things do you have to be grateful for?* (Try and make as long a list as possible!)

v17 encourages us to do everything 'in the name of the Lord Jesus'.

ii) *What do you think this means?*

iii) *How does this verse help you to live to hear Jesus say 'Well done, good and faithful servant!'?*

iv) *How can you be continually 'giving thanks to God' through Jesus?*

v) *Ask the Holy Spirit to help you to find ways to do this in daily life.*

b) Our family life is a big area for us to aim to please God in.

i) *Which of the instructions (if any) of v18-21 apply to you?*

ii) *How else can you aim to be a 'good and faithful servant' in family life? What practical things might you need to do?*

c) In the Roman world many people were slaves. Colossians 3v22-4v1 talks about Christian slaves working for their owners. We can apply this teaching to employees and employers in our society.

i) *What is your 'work'?* (This doesn't have to be paid employment: full-time mum, carer, volunteer etc)

ii) *What do these verses say could help you be a 'good and faithful servant'?*

d) Ask the Holy Spirit to show you other ways you could use your 'talents' to extend the Kingdom of God and bless others.

4) Digging Deeper Question – for those who want to study a bit extra

Read 1 Corinthians 12v14-31

The image used here is of the church as a body, made up of individual Christians.

- a) *How do you feel about being part of 'the body'?*
- b) *What is the main message of this passage?*
- c) *What does it say to those who feel less significant or able to contribute? How would you encourage Christians who feel like this to find a way of serving in church?*
- d) *What does it say to people who feel out of place or who want a different role? How would you encourage Christians who feel like this to find a way of serving in church?*
- e) *What does this passage say to Christians who don't want to serve in church? How would you encourage Christians who feel like this to find a way of serving in church?*
- f) *What is God saying to you personally through this passage?*

Please Pray:

Berlin: Please keep praying that the target of having four Small Groups by October is reached. Let's really get behind Nigel and his team in prayer for this.

Notices:

Baptisms will be next Sunday (**29th July**). Please speak to Rich or Chris if you haven't been baptised and would like to be.

Guest speaker Pete West who leads Rehebothe Church in Lesotho will be preaching here on **Sunday 5th August**.

Newday is on **Mon 13th – Sun 19th August**. Newday is a major youth event for 12-19 year olds with thousands of young people. Please speak to Jack if you haven't booked in yet.

'Glory' Prophecy Conference, Horsham, Saturday 20th October. This is a conference for those who long to experience the presence and glory of God. Tickets are available to buy online. For more information and to purchase tickets visit **www.kch.eventbrite.com**