

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2018 – Group Notes**  
*Setting God's People Free*

**WELCOME:**

- What does the word freedom mean to you?
- Has there ever been a time when you didn't feel 'free'?

**WORSHIP:**

Read Psalm 100 (together or in turns) the offer prayers of thanksgiving and praise to God.

**WORD:**

Read **1 Peter 2:4-10**

What do you think the writer (St Peter) means when he uses the following terms:

- A spiritual house (v5)
- A holy priesthood (v5)
- Chosen people (v9)
- A royal priesthood (v9)
- A holy nation (v9)

In v9 he also say that we are to '*declare the praises of him who called us out of darkness into his wonderful light*'. Is this simply Sunday worship, or something more?

**WITNESS:**

The Church of England has recently launched an initiative called 'Setting God's People Free'. It poses one fundamental challenge to the church both locally, regionally and nationally:

*How can we, ordained and lay together,  
Enable one another to live out  
The Good News of Jesus in all our life,  
Monday to Saturday, as well as Sunday?*

Please discuss the following questions as a group:

1. How does our church already support and encourage us in our lives beyond the walls of the church? What do you particularly appreciate?
2. What specific contexts do you/we find ourselves in, Monday to Saturday? Where are we, and who are we already meeting?
3. What challenges do you/we face in those contexts? What opportunities for building relationships and Christian influence are there?
4. What would help you/us be more fruitful for Christ in our Monday to Saturday lives?

**Prayer:**

Our prayer time will depend in part on what has been shared during our discussions together.

- If people have shared about some of their own joys & struggles as a Christian 'Monday-Saturday' begin by praying for each other.
- If you have identified areas of church life which could be better at supporting us than they currently are, pray about that.
- Finish by praying for each other that we all might be:  
*Enabled to live out the Good News of Jesus in ALL our life!*