

## Homegroup – 21 April 2015

*After spending the first part of the evening looking at some Psalms in the Bible, each person started a Psalm by writing a sentence (at the top of a sheet of paper) about how they were feeling. The paper was then passed around to others in the room to add their own sentence in response to the previous one. After much passing round of paper, at the end of the evening we had written the following 10 Psalms together! – Marg Payne*

### Homegroup Psalm 1

Lord, you bless us with the seasons, the sunshine and the promise of new life.

We marvel at the beauty and thank you for the wonderful colours of spring.

Heat and cold; storm and sunshine; frost and gales; mist and sunrise. Your variety and constancy inspires us.

Everything you have made is a constant reminder of your power, intricacy and incredible design.

How wonderful and marvellous is all you have created! Lord, your love is speaking out to us through all your wonders – mighty or miniscule.

Praise you Lord!

### Homegroup Psalm 2

I constantly keep in mind that God has a hand in everything.

Though it's hard to do sometimes when those I love experience pain.

Even through pain, Lord, you are still in control, your love and mercy are endless.

You are my inspiration and constant support.

Trust in Him.

Lean on Him for the Lord loves you.

### Homegroup Psalm 3

The pressures I feel at work make me weary.

But in you I find strength.

You are my rock and comfort.

I seek you and long to see your face. Yet, you are with me and your Holy Spirit fills me.

Thank you Lord for your everlasting love.

I will praise your name.

### Homegroup Psalm 4

I thank you Lord for new beginnings as we see signs of spring everywhere.

It reminds me that you've given new life to me.

As the sun nourishes a flower so your Spirit fills me with new life.

Thank you for everything.

You have created everything and you love all you have created.

Winter, spring, summer and autumn remind me that you are in control of all the different 'seasons' we experience during our lives.

### Homegroup Psalm 5

God you are so big and I feel so small.

Yet you knew me before I was born and love me much more than I can grasp.

Wherever I go you are there before me.

Thank you for always being in our lives even when we don't think we need you.

I feel your presence with me, helping me through all life's challenges.

Thank you Jesus.

### Homegroup Psalm 6

What a beautiful world you have made!

What a shame that it's spoiled by man's selfishness!

Help us lead by example in looking after God's world by influencing others.

Don't let me ignore your commands.

Help me appreciate what you have made.

Continue to open my eyes to see your fabulous works. Make me more like you.

### **Homegroup Psalm 7**

The world is a wonderful place, created beautifully, but man has despoiled it.

However, you still love us and show us your love each day.

How I long to see love like yours, God, shown by others in the world.

You send your angels into the darkest places to rescue and share your grace and mercy.

I invite you into my darkest places – I know you will rescue me. Thank you.

You know me inside out even when I'm far from you. You hold me close. Thank you Lord

### **Homegroup Psalm 8**

I am (feeling) blank.

It's time to listen to God and let him fill your thoughts.

It's hard to resist the negativity that can fill the blankness but you are there Lord to help me through the times when I need your guidance and instruction.

Help me through the times when I feel you are far from me.

When everything seems grey and weighs me down it's hard to crawl, let alone run.

Thank you Lord that, even when I cannot feel your presence, you are with me. Thank you that my relationship with you doesn't rely on how I feel but is founded on the truth of your unconditional love.

### **Homegroup Psalm 9**

Thank you for a beautiful morning wreathed in bright sunlight.

Even when it is dark and cold your bright light shines from those who love you.

The world is filled with darkness and selfish people who don't know you.

Work in us Lord! Help us to be a good influence to those we meet every day.

You are faithful and true.

Your love endures forever.

### **Homegroup Psalm 10**

Lord many times I wake up in the morning anxious and concerned about the day.

I turn to you. Help me make sense of all the things that cause me stress, bring peace and order to the chaos in my mind.

You bring me calm and quiet Lord and take away my fears.

You are with me, standing by me, giving me the help I need to face the day.

Lord I long to see you, yet every day I feel further away from you,

But I know your love is greater than my fears.