

# Small Group Notes

**Date:** Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June

**Speaker:** N/A

**Key Verses:** Colossians 2:13-15 (GNT), Matthew 20:28

This week, instead of hearing a talk, we had an opportunity to unhurriedly share communion together and intercede for things that are going on in our nation. Andrew shared from Colossians 2:13-15 as we reflected on communion:

*"You were at one time spiritually dead because of your sins and because you were Gentiles without the Law. But God has now brought you to life with Christ. God forgave us all our sins; he cancelled the unfavourable record of our debts with its binding rules and did away with it completely by nailing it to the cross. And on that cross Christ freed himself from the power of the spiritual rulers and authorities; he made a public spectacle of them by leading them as captives in his victory procession."*

In Matthew 20:28, Jesus describes Himself like this:

*"...just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."*

The word 'ransom' means: '**the price of release**'. This phrase was associated to slaves and slave owners - the price of release meant that someone had paid for the slave to be free from their owner. Jesus did this for us on the cross. By dying on the cross, He not only allowed us to be forgiven of our sins, but He also paid the price for our release from anything that would keep us from being free. He paid for our freedom.

## Worship

*Worship is not just singing, it is thanking God for who he is and what he has done and is lived out through a life of trusting obedience. Discussing this together is an act of worship.*

*(Small group worship resources can be found at [bvc.so/sgworship](http://bvc.so/sgworship))*

- What are you thankful for this week?
- Where has God been at work in your life?
- When have you taken risks in faith and obedience this week?

*If you have a time of singing you can skip the above questions but please do ask this question each week:*

- What has God been speaking to you about this week? *(Go around the group quickly don't spend a long time on it)*

## Discussion Questions (choose some which are most relevant to your group)

- One of the names of communion is 'Eucharist' which means 'to give thanks'. What are you thankful for this week?

When you read through Colossians 2:13-15 and reflect on what Jesus did for us on the cross, how does it make you feel?

- What does the word 'ransom' make you think about? How does it feel to know that Jesus has paid our 'price of release'?
- What are you interceding for at the moment?

**Witness** - *How would you share what you have learned with a non-church friend?*

We want to be investing in authentic relationships with those who don't know Jesus yet and inviting them to anything where they might meet other Christians and Jesus. Pick one of the below each week:

- How would you share what you have learned with a non-church friend?
- What church events coming up would your friends appreciate an invitation to?

- Upcoming Events (go to [bvc.so/whats-on](https://bvc.so/whats-on) for details)
  - Young Adults Night - 9th July