

# Life Application Notes

Week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> Feb (West End) 17<sup>th</sup> Feb (Lordshill/Central).

## **Culture Revealed.** *We're all on an adventure!*

Si Munsie – cultural headlines

### Opening Up.

- What is the most exciting/scariest adventure you've ever been on?
- OR What is your favourite adventure story/movie?

### Digging In

*Si explained that we are all part of God's big story and that we are supporting actors/actresses bringing glory to the main character, Jesus Christ.*

*"We pick up on three popular stories that are dominant in our society. There is the story about **happiness**, about living a life crammed with the best of experiences. There is the story about making ourselves **safe**, because the world is changing and nothing is certain. And then there is the story about being **significant**, about changing the world and leaving our mark upon history." Andy Frost*

**Q** - Which of these stories do you find yourself drawn most towards telling with your own life, happiness, security or significance?

**Q** - How do these each undermine the truth of the gospel (good news!) offered in Jesus?

Happiness – *John 10:10 (not inane happiness based on 'fun' experiences, rather a fullness of emotion that equates to real life)*

Security – *Psalm 40:2 (Our true and real security comes from knowing our saviour and the future hope we have in him)*

Significance – *Ephesians 2:8-9 (Our significance comes from that which God has bestowed on us, not our efforts or accomplishments)*

**Q** – How can we then surrender our lives into God's big story? *Ephesians 2:10 – walking in the good works that God gives us to do – Si compared this to a child in a play wishing they were playing a different role and ultimately missing the enjoyment of the roles we have been given and ultimately detracting from the overall by not allowing our own light to shine; making much of Jesus. Comparison is a thief of joy.*

**Q** – With adventure comes change – how can we help each other to process change whilst maintaining faith and trust that God is doing a good work in our lives through (even if we don't like it!)

### Rounding Off

Pray for those facing change at the moment, those who still feel the pain of previous changes in circumstances etc and for us all to continue on the adventure that God has for each of us.