

# Week 01 Small group

Brand new

TRANSFORMED LIFE

## WEEK ONE – BRAND NEW

*'Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ, by the will of God. To the saints who are in Ephesus, the faithful in Christ Jesus. Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.'*

EPHESIANS 1:1-2

### WELCOME

When you think about the words 'transformed' and 'brand new', what have you come across (in nature, books, films, songs etc) that inspires you; what images or thoughts come to mind? Pray that God's Holy Spirit will give you a fresh insight into what it means to be transformed.

### WATCH THE VIDEO

We have a new ..... in Christ

We have a new place of ..... in Christ

We have a new ..... in Christ

To the saints ... the faithful in Christ Jesus: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.' (Ephesians 1:1-2)

### WORD

What is a common image of a saint?

What have we learnt today about what it truly means to be a saint?

What have you learnt about what the phrase being 'in Christ' means?

In the passage Paul writes about saints (plural) and God being *our* Father. Why is being in community a key to life as God intended it, and how does this find expression in the local church?

When in your life have you discovered things that have increased your sense of purposefulness or sense of purpose?

Who in the group could share a particular time when they have really known God's faithfulness to them? *(It may be helpful to speak with a group member in advance to be ready to share).*

### WORSHIP

Encourage prayers of thanks to God for His faithfulness.

### MEMORY VERSE

'To the saints in Ephesus, the faithful in Christ Jesus: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.' (Ephesians 1:1-2)

Have the verse as individual words cut out in an envelope. Get the group to put them in the right order.

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## **WITNESS**

Get into twos or threes and share one prayer request and then pray for each other. Could you also commit to pray for each other through the week?

## **ACTION STEPS**

Turn to the action steps at the end of week one of the devotional and ask people to take time in the week to consider them.

Take some time to reflect with God. Are there new things He is leading you to explore? During the week find a trusted friend to talk these things through with.