



**WE ARE THE CHURCH:
Perfectly Imperfect
–Community
SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION
QUESTIONS**

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- Consider this year's theme at York Street **“We Are the Church: Perfectly Imperfect”**. In what ways do you think the global Church, represents Jesus to the world. How do you think York Street does at this?
- Last week's challenge to each of us was to ponder how as a community of believers here at Yorkie we can play our part in reimagining community, having radical faith and embracing the transformation Jesus offers. In what way in the last week, has God revealed to you the ways in which you can play your part God's plan His ekklesia?

- Consider the early Church in Acts (Acts 2:42-47, Acts 4:32-35). The early disciples demonstrate extreme community as an expression of their love of God and one another. In what ways do you see the same heart expressed in the modern-day Church. What has changed? What are the barriers to seeing this heart for community expressed today?
- How are you contributing to Christian community, inside, outside or alongside York Street?
- What are the things you enjoy about being a part of community at York Street? Think about whether these things fall into traditions and rituals, your own preferences and desires, or a true biblical expression of worship and service. What if these elements were removed or changed? Think about this idea of church being 'me' centred versus God centred.

- In our humanity, we have preconceived ideas about the Church, about others and at times that can be expressed as prejudice (pre-judgement). Are there ways in which you can identify you do this? What could you do to combat this to enable a more available, inclusive and loving faith community?

PRAY

- Pray for the The Church to rise up and take their place as a place of love, acceptance, grace and support.
- Pray for the people of York Street to step up and step out into their part of the worldwide ekklesia of God.
- Pray for the transformation of lives in the name of Jesus' name. Have the radical faith to speak out your heart of God's people, and believe for God to bring it to fruition.