# York Street Small Groups

**Sermon Based Studies**

Sunday 4th June 2023

FAITH RUNS DEEP  
Eternity/Melting Pot

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**These studies are designed to be explored after hearing the Sunday sermon and also to be accompanied by a time of prayer/sharing.**

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*Questions have been adapted from the Faith Runs Deep discussion guide. Copies are available from the church office.*

**INTRODUCTION**

Australia’s history is complex and contentious. In this episode, Karl says, ‘The history of the treatment of the Indigenous people of this land is an awful story … ’ and yet, there is so much we don’t know, that we’ve never been taught.

1. Discuss what you know of the history of early colonisation in Australia?
2. How do you feel about our country’s history? And how it has been portrayed?

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**DISCUSSION**

1. Read Ephesians 2:11-22

Paul talks about the deep, generational conflict between the Gentiles and the Jews in his era. Now that the two groups have been ‘reconciled to God through the Cross,’ he is clear that they are also to be reconciled to each other.

1. What similarities can you see in our Australian situation?

Karl addresses the issue of faith and immigration within the Australian community by telling his own story and connecting it to Tony’s story. He says: ‘Immigration has made our country, but faith still runs deep.’

1. Do you agree? How has immigration made our country? What are the ups and downs of immigration for Australia?

**DISCUSSION**

1. Do you have a personal story of immigration? What was the experience of your family, your relatives or friends?
2. Read Colossians 1:21-23

What is the most significant aspect of being reconciled to God for you? Is it comfort, confidence, joy, rest from striving, reduced anxiety, purposefulness or something else? Pray, thanking God for this gift.

**REFLECTION**

‘Help me Lord to love each person you bring into my life just as you love me; and help me to see people groups as you see them, needing your care, mercy and gentleness. Amen.’