

INTERDEPENDENCE OF CREATION

PRAISE

I hope you have been able to listen to the songs I have put at the start of these small group notes. This one is an intimate song of the Father singing to you that you are heard, and God will rescue you.

Rescue (lyric video) <https://youtu.be/9PugD11k3JU>

Genesis 11. 1-9

Who gets confused by this story? Raise your hand (mine is raised with you). We have just heard a song of a loving, intimate God rescuing you yet so far in Genesis God has chucked Adam & Eve out of the perfect garden, punished Cain, flooded the earth and now destroyed a tower and scattered humanity! Sin has a real and dire consequence and the tower of Babel is a story of humanities attempt to replace God, they are competing with God for power. We have been given limitations on how we are to treat one another, steward the earth and serve God yet from the very start we think we know better.

PAUSE How we see God influences who we are. What qualities do you recognise in God? (Male/female/rescuer/judge/shepherd/comforter/generous/discipline)

SHARE If you are able share your thoughts with one another if it is a safe space to do so.

PRAYER If one or more people pray for the thoughts shared. Ask God to help you see more of the Godself.

Romans 8. 18-30

Paul uses the imagery of childbirth for creations future glory, like Jesus does in Mark 13. 1-13. Ask yourselves what emotions and feelings are involved at play in this time? Pain, fear, focus, hope, carnal, expectation, longing, breathing...

How do you experience these feelings in the world today?

What is the importance of humanities link with the whole of creation in verses 19 to 23?