

We have a great opportunity before us to restart with the future in mind. We are already well accustomed to the idea that what we have done before does not need to define our future. We are already comfortable with meeting together as a small group. We are therefore, miles ahead of many in the art of preparing for the future.

In conversation with you each we have discovered that Tuesday evenings are a possible contender for meeting together regularly as a small group. There are restrictions on how this will operate as we stay in a state of preparedness against viruses. This limits the amount of people in a room, it restricts us from sharing objects such as Bibles and pens, and currently there is to be no congregational singing. But we can bring our own bible and our own pen, and we can continue to learn, pray, worship and plan together with our hearts and minds fixed upon Jesus.

I propose that for the next three Tuesdays (16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, & 30<sup>th</sup>) we meet at 5:30pm for 1 hour. Each week we will pray, we will look at a scripture passage and discuss together what this scripture means for our own life and for our church community.

As an additional task this week I would encourage you to set aside a time to read some words from our General and the international position description on Racism. We all agree that racism is incompatible with the Christian faith and with the beliefs and work of The Salvation Army. How can we each be a voice for change in our own community and neighbourhood?

God will not stop working through us, so long as we are willing and remain in Him. May we be sure to remove anything from our life that works against an 'all-in' relationship with our Saviour. When we remain in Him, our lives will shine his glory and produce good fruit in accordance with our faith.

With love and many Blessings,

From Kate.