Small Group Focus Week Resource

As we reflect upon the hallmarks of our church, we recognise that whilst 'ours' they weren't firstly 'ours.' We didn't invent them, instead, we copied them from Jesus.

Over the years, we as a church have sought to follow Jesus well, his teachings and example. As His Spirit has filled and led us, we've found that these hallmarks have become increasingly true of us. In other words, the things that have been noticed about us did not originate with us, they are the fruit of trying to be like Jesus, of copying him, of walking in step with the Spirit.

It's also important to remember that whilst these hallmarks are observably true of us, they are also qualities that we seek in increasing measure as we grow in our discipleship to Jesus.

Our Hallmarks:

Outward Looking Compassionate Naturally Supernatural Servant Hearted Generous Relational Doing Things Well

Small Group Activity

It would be good to reflect on the questions below as individuals within the group, but to also reflect on how the hallmarks form a part of your collective Small Group community. (You may choose to spend one session reflecting from one perspective and the next session from the other.)

Discuss

- Can you recall a moment in your journey here at Trent when one of the hallmarks really impacted you positively?

- Which of these things do you feel comes most naturally to you?
- Which do you find most challenging?

Reflection

Spend some time in quiet reflection with God:

- Where do you sense an invitation from God to lean into deeper discipleship in these areas?

- Where do you notice any resistance?

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Share

Spend some time feeding back to the group the reflections from above. It would be good to also talk about:

- What are the potential barriers to pressing into the invitation from God?

- What is one next step you will take?

Prayer

The life of discipleship is not one that we are supposed to journey through our own strength or effort. It's a transformational journey of seeking to follow Jesus, becoming more like him through the empowering of the Holy Spirit.

- Spend some time surrendering all that has been discussed to God.

- Spend some time ministering to one another.