# **Opening Question:**

Talk about your talents, skills, hobbies and interests - what types of things do you like to do? How has God used those things to draw you closer to Himself?

# **Opening Prayer:**

Begin your time by thanking God for His love and His grace to each one of you - spend some time thanking Him for the many ways He has equipped your group members.

# **Getting into God's Word**

Did you have any comments or questions from this Sunday's message? Take the time to look through your sermon notes and talk about any questions you had.

### Read Psalm 139

- As you read this passage again, what stands out to you? The text indicates this Psalm was written by David - how did God use David's skills and passions to draw David closer to Himself and to serve others?
- 2. Pastor Nathan talked about God's great love for us how is

- that demonstrated in this passage? Have you ever struggled to believe that God may love you? As you are comfortable, share these stories with your group.
- 3. David ends this Psalm with an invitation for God to examine Him for anxious thoughts and things that offend how often do you invite God to do the same? What fears or insecurities might keep you from spending time with God in confession? What benefits and blessings might result from spending time with God in confession?

### Read Ephesians 2:1-10

- 4. How does this passage speak about God's love for us? How does this passage speak about the state of our world and the spiritual reality of those who have not accepted Christ?
- 5. Given what this passage says how can we pray for friends, family, neighbors and loved ones who are far from God? How important do you think prayer is given this reality?
- 6. You are God's masterpiece what skills, talents, passions and abilities has He given you to accomplish the good works He has planned for you?

#### Read 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

- 7. What stands out to you in this passage? Based on this passage, how would you expect our community at CentrePoint church to function and grow?
- 8. Do you know the spiritual gifts God has given you? (Other lists of gifts are found in Romans 12:3-8 and 1 Peter 4:10-11). If so, how have you drawn closer to God by using them? How might God want you to use these gifts at CentrePoint? If not, what are you going to do to find out how God has blessed you? Make a game plan with your group!

# **Prayer**

Pray for one another - pray for any needs your group members have.

Pray about your gifts, and pray that God would show us as a church how we can grow by serving one another.

Pray as well for the March Kid Kamp, that God would give us wisdom as we begin to make plans.

# Sermon Notes

# **Group Listing**

## Wednesdays:

Leaders: Nathan and Jenn Pollock Location: The Pollock's House in

Camrose *Time*: 7:00pm

## **Thursdays:**

Leaders: Mark and Carla Werner, Jessica and Andreas Schwitter Location: CentrePoint Church

*Time*: 6:30pm

### **Fridays:**

Leaders: John and Ineke Tessari, Gary

and Sandy Mize

*Location*: The Mize's Home in Camrose

*Time*: 7:00pm

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### **TALENT**

January 14, 2018 Psalm 139 Ephesians 2:1-10

### **Personal Reflection and Practice:**

This week Pastor Nathan talked about how God blesses us with talent, skills and abilities and he began with the idea that God loves us and we are His masterpieces.

Take some time this week to get quiet with God and reflect on the ways He has shaped you - like the Psalm writer, thank God for watching over your development, and consider the skills, abilities, talents and passions He has given you.

Write out a letter of thanks to God for all the ways He has equipped you!