

Life Group Notes

Sunday 16th October 2022

Speaker: Rob & Liz Glover

Title: Identity

Passage: Psalms 139

Rob and Liz spoke about the importance of understanding our identity, and especially the truth that God has made each one of us for a specific purpose.

Psa 139:13 For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb.

Psa 139:14 I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.

Psa 139:15 My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

Psa 139:16 Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.

Rob had experiences as a professional footballer, and in the Royal Navy, but he really fulfilled his purpose in Christ when the family moved to China and began to work with the Chinese government bringing children out of institutional care and into family-based care. Finding our place in what God has called us to do is part of discovering our identity.

Many orphans find their identity when they experience the love of a mother and father, and a place in village/community life. This is also a picture of our story in Christ – we were spiritual orphans but God adopted us, brought us into his family, the church, and we discover our true identity as part of a loving community – the church.

Hear more about Rob and Liz Glover's story through their book, *As Many as the Stars*:

[As Many as the Stars: A Story of Change for the Children of China: Amazon.co.uk: Glover, Robert: 9781529317176: Books](https://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/9781529317176)

We have several copies of this available in the church office for borrowing if you would like.

Or watch the documentary, *Children of Shanghai*:

[Children of Shanghai | The Documentary](#)

To find out more about their charity, Care for Children, check out:

[Care For Children - Family First In Asia](#)

Suggested questions:

1. What most struck you about Rob and Liz's story?
2. We were spiritual orphans and God adopted us into his family: how do you feel this relates to your story?
3. "Christians just care for the unlovely – it's in our DNA." In what ways are you caring for the unlovely, or expressing the DNA of Christ?
4. How is being part of Reading Family Church helping you find your place/ discover your identity?