



# “YOU ARE MINE”

## Words from John Wesley

Lord Jesus ... I have nowhere else to go. I will not stir from thy door; on thee I will trust, and rest, and venture myself; God hath laid my help on thee, and on thee I lay my hope for pardon, for life, for salvation: if I perish, I perish on thy shoulders; if I sink, I sink in thy vessel; if I die, I die at thy door, for I will not go.

*From Directions for Renewing our Covenant with God, 1781*

## Words from Scripture

“But now thus says the LORD he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.”

Isaiah 43:1

**Hymn:** O Lord we are always in your presence, *Singing the Faith* 33

## As we begin

### To consider alone

- How has the knowledge that God says to you “I have called you by name, you are mine” had an impact on your life since this group last met?

### To consider together

- How far has the determined faith in Jesus that Wesley speaks of been true of the Church since the group last met?
- Looking at your agenda, as a group pray together: “Lord Jesus ... on thee [we] will trust, and rest, and venture” ourselves.

## As we continue

### To consider alone

- Can you notice any areas where you feel uncertain or afraid?
- Imagine yourself saying to Jesus: “I have nowhere else to go. I will not stir from thy door.” How does Jesus respond?

### To consider together

- In groups of two or three, choose an item on the agenda to pray for, trusting and resting the work involved on Jesus.

## As we finish

### To consider alone

- What concerns or worries from this meeting do you need to trust and rest on Jesus? Take a minute to tell him about them now.

### To consider together

- Return to the words from Wesley at the beginning of the meeting. If possible, pray them together, or have the leader read them slowly for the whole group.