

Bible chat week starting 27 3 22

Love's Simple Work

1. Read 2 Corinthians 5: 16 - 21
2. Discuss verse 16. What might it mean to regard someone "from a worldly point of view"? How did Paul regard Jesus in this way? How did that change?
3. Consider verse 17, and especially what Paul has in mind by the phrase "new creation". Is it that an individual in Christ is personally re-created, or is it that an individual in Christ sees the whole world in a re-created way?
4. Consider verses 18 -21. Share any stories you may have about reconciliation. What is the basis for our reconciliation with God? If Paul is writing to Christians, why does he still tell them to be reconciled to God?
5. As a group, come up with a modern setting for the famous Prodigal Son story from Luke 15: 11 - 31. What one thing is this story teaching about God? What things is it teaching about people?
6. How can we at Hearsall make it clear that we welcome everyone, regardless of whatever categories they fit in or labels people give them?
7. How would you feel about being part of a church which went out of its way to welcome people who are very different from us? You might like to think of transexual people as an example.