

Connecting the Sunday Sparkle at Hearsall Baptist with the Daily Dust of Life

Welcome

If you're brave enough, share stories of embarrassing first dates!

Worship

Read Psalm 104: 24 - 35

The poet describes his vision of God's intimate care for creation.

- Share what inspires you about his vision.
- Is there anything here you find less inspiring?
- Have a time of thank-you prayers stimulated by this Psalm.

Word

Read Romans 8:14 - 17

- If you know anything about adoption, share why adoption into God's family is a fruitful image for becoming a Christian.
- According to these verses, how do we experience the reality that we are God's children?

Read John 14: 8 - 17

- How can it be that the Son is in the Father and the Father is in the Son? What is the connection between Jesus and Father God?
- Jesus says that his returning to the Father will enable his followers to do 'even greater things'... What are some of the great things that Christians have achieved together over the centuries - things that no one person in one lifetime - not even Jesus - could have done?
- What does it mean to ask the Father *in the name of* Jesus?
- What kind of prayers is the Father eager to answer? What sort of dreams bless his heart?
- The NIV says in verse 16 that the Father will give another 'advocate' to help us. You may know that the Greek word is 'paraklete', literally, *one called alongside*. How do other translations compare? What does this word suggest about the Spirit's work in us?

Witness

What does Hearsall Baptist Church need in order to fulfil the mission God has given us?

- Make a list!
- Present your requests to God.
- Keep on asking, seeking, and knocking.