

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

## Welcome

- Think of a time when someone has been ungrateful to you.
- How did it make you feel? Share stories.

## Worship

### **Read Psalm 111**

- Give everyone a chance to say which part of the Psalm speaks most to them.

## Word

### **Read Luke 17:11**

*There had long been tensions between Jews and Samaritans. Samaritans were descended from the lost ten tribes of Israel. They were looked down on partly because they had intermarried with foreign settlers. They developed their own version of religion. Prejudice set in between the two groups. Atrocities had been committed, including the destruction of the Samaritan Temple on Mount Gerazim in 128BCE.*

- Where do we find Jesus walking? What might that symbolise?
- Along which boundary lines might Jesus walk today?

### **Read Luke 17: 12 - 13**

*The word translated 'leprosy' referred to a range of skin diseases including, but not limited to, the disease we know as leprosy today.*

- The ethnic identity of the men with the skin disease is not mentioned. Why not?
- How do they feel about their lot?
- Comment on their approach to Jesus - their words, and their position.

### **Read Luke 17:14**

*According to the books of Moses, priests, like doctors today, had the key role in determining whether a person with a skin disease was unclean or clean, and whether or not they could be a part of the community. (See Leviticus 13.)*

- Why does Jesus tell these men to show themselves to the priest?

## Read Luke 17: 15 - 16

- Ten men were healed. Nine go on their way regardless. Why do they do that?
- One man is different. Describe all his actions in your own words.
- What do you learn from his response about the life of faith?
- Speculate as to why this man responds with such heartfelt gratitude. Was it anything to do with his ethnic identity?

## Read Luke 17: 17 - 19

*In the parable of the Good Samaritan, we read that even Samaritans can show us how to love our **neighbour**. Here we learn that Samaritans can also teach us how to love our **God**. Luke's telling of the Jesus story features Samaritans quite prominently.*

- What is this gospel trying to teach us through its Samaritan themes?
- Who are the Samaritans of our world today?

## Response

- Very many people have moved to Coventry over the years. Pray for people who have come here recently. Look for opportunities to welcome them, and to learn from them.
- Look out for opportunities to thank people this week, especially people whose work or role tends to be taken for granted. Tell them why you appreciate them.