

The Week

week starting 1 12 19

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

Welcome

What's your favourite time of day? Share a little of how you enjoy that time.

Worship

Read Ecclesiastes 3: 1 - 8

Consider: What time is it in your life? Fill in the blank: A time to... ?

Word

Read Matthew 24: 35

- What could Jesus mean by these words?

Read Matthew 24:36

- Why do some Christians still want to be specific about when the 'end of the world' might come, in spite of this clear biblical precept?

Read Matthew 24: 37 - 41

- What do these verses show us about human activity and looming catastrophic change? Can you draw parallels with our own era? (We go about our daily lives even as climate change threatens to destroy much or all of human civilisation.)

Read Mathew 24: 42 - 44

- In verse 43, Jesus compares his own return to the visit of a thief. In what single respect is 'Son of Man' like a thief in the night?
- These verses conclude that believers should 'keep watch' and 'be ready' because we don't know when the Son of Man might return. How do these two instructions inspire us to live at this time in our history?
- Paul offers answers to that question in **Romans 13: 11 - 14**. As you reflect on his instructions what do you find challenging? Is there anything you don't really understand, or even don't agree with? What do you find encouraging and good?

Response

- What three steps will you take in your personal life in response to these thoughts? Either discuss with a partner/friend or write in your journal.