

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

## Welcome

- Share a story of a time when you had to wait a long time for something or someone.
- How did you handle the waiting? How did you feel when the waiting was over?

## Worship

- Read Psalm 130
- *My soul waits for the Lord more than the watchmen wait for the morning.* How might these words encourage us at some points in our spiritual journey?

## Word

### **Read Colossians 1: 24 - 27**

- What is the mystery that has now been revealed?
- Who has been waiting for this mystery - and for how long?
- How do you feel about receiving this mystery yourself?

### **Read Colossians 1:28 - 29**

- Although the mystery has been received, what work still remained to be done?
- What is the goal of Christian discipleship, according to verse 28?

### **Read Colossians 2: 1 - 5**

*In this region, **gnosticism** was taking hold, a system that taught about about special ways to enter exotic mysteries with hidden knowledge & wisdom. Perhaps this made some feel superior! Gnosticism has sometimes been compared with our New Age movement.*

- How does Paul respond to these gnostic beliefs?
- What is the fruit of true Christian faith?

## Witness

- Consider what might help you to grow in your faith: *A retreat... A Christian book... A Christian festival... A prayer partner... A spiritual director... Christian service... A prayer journal...*
- Take some steps to make this happen.