

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

Welcome

- Share stories of breaking up from school before the long Summer holidays. How did you feel when you walked out of the gate?

Worship

- Read Psalm 119:41 - 48
- Consider verse 45. Thank God for the freedom that comes from the rule of love.

Word

Read Colossians 2:6 - 7

- These verses could be a motto text for a church one year. What are the features of faithful Christian living described here?

Read Colossians 2:8

- What might have captured the Colossian Christians?
- What might capture Christians today, denying them the freedom Christ brings?

Read Colossians 2: 9 - 15

- Jews mark belonging to God with circumcision. Christians mark it with baptism. The real change is something deeper than either of these. What is the circumcision of the heart?
- How does the cross deal with our sins?
- How does the cross bring a victory over powers and authorities?

Read Colossians 2: 16 - 23

- List four or five things that were denying freedom to Colossian Christians.
- How does Paul view such things?
- *Christianity isn't so much a religion as it is a relationship.* To what extent do these verses support that statement.

Response

- Perhaps in pairs, share honestly about what might deny you freedom in Christ. Pray for freedom to come in Jesus' name.
- Are there any habits Hearsall is in that could do with changing?