

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

Welcome

- Have you ever been given a label that wasn't right for you?
- How did this feel? Share your experiences.

Worship

Read Psalm 16

- Thank God for the security that comes from resting in him.

Word

Read Colossians 3:1 - 4

- We are told to set our minds and our hearts on things above. How do we do this? How do we remain 'set' during the course of a day?
- Our lives are hidden with Christ, and when he appears, we appear. What does this mean for everyday living?

Read Colossians 3: 5 - 10

Our consciences tell us when we're doing some of the bad stuff described here. We are told to kill this part of us off; to get rid of it.

- If we carry on indulging the bad stuff, what might follow? Why is it unfitting?
- How can we allow this teaching to shape us positively?

Read Colossians 3: 11

- Do you think worldly labels might get in the way of our Christian relationships with each other? Can you suggest any examples?
- Christ is given a unifying role here. Explore how that makes labelling redundant.
- But does 'Christian' become just another label? If it's not to be just another label, tease out what it does mean.
- 'We're all in it together' is a political slogan that can seem hollow. Explore the solid spiritual and practical implications of being truly **together in Christ**.

Response

This week, find at least three practical ways of expressing our togetherness in Christ.