

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

## Welcome

- Some like planning and certainty. Some prefer spontaneity and openness. Which is your preference? Can you say why?

## Worship

### **Read Genesis 12: 1 - 4a**

- Thank God for the blessings that have come through Abraham and through people with a faith like his.

## Word

### **Read John 3:1 - 2**

- What qualifications does Nicodemus have?
- What is suggested by his visiting Jesus at night?

### **Read John 3: 3 - 4**

- Try to tease out why the kingdom is **invisible** to Nicodemus, considering what the metaphor 'born again' (or 'born from above') actually refers to.

### **Read John 3: 5 - 8**

- We read of being born of flesh, water, and spirit. Suggest what each of these births might refer to.
- Where does rebirth - or birth of the Spirit - come from? Where might it lead the person reborn?

### **Read John 3: 9 - 12**

- Why does John mention Nicodemus' inability to grasp the point?

### **Read John 3: 13 - 17**

- Reflect on the themes of **believing in Jesus, being born again** and **receiving the Spirit**. Are these one, two or three events? To help you think about this see also these verses: Ephesians 1: 13 - 14; Acts 2:38; Romans 8: 9 - 11; Acts 8: 14 - 17.

## Response

- Write a prayer based on John 3:8 expressing your willingness to go where the Spirit leads you. Pray it each day this week.