

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

Welcome

- Can you remember a situation where you felt uncomfortable and out of place? Share your strategies for coping in such situations.

Worship

Read Psalm 95

- ‘Extol him with music and song’. What’s your favourite song or hymn? Try to say why.
- If possible, sing one or two together - or read the words as an act of worship.

Word

Read John 4: 4 - 26 & 39 - 42 - perhaps two people could read the words of Jesus and the woman.

- Describe the scene - in terms of temperature, time, sights, smells, social expectations etc. What are the two main characters each feeling physically, emotionally and spiritually?
- Make a list of all this woman’s **disqualifications** for being a disciple of Jesus.
- Consider what Jesus says and does to counter each one.
- Make a list of all the ways in which this woman is portrayed as becoming a disciple of Jesus.
- How come she seems to do better than Nicodemus in the previous chapter? Does she have any qualities that he lacked?
- Can qualifications for discipleship become disqualifications - and vice-versa?

Witness

Consider people you know who are not engaged by the Christian gospel. Could today’s story be relevant to them? Plan a gospel-sharing event that gets over the disqualifications people feel they have when it comes to following Jesus. Maybe propose it to the forward planning group, or run it yourselves!