

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

Welcome

- Share with the group an experience that increased your belief or faith in Jesus
- Share with the group an experience which caused you to doubt Jesus

Worship

- Read Psalm 16
- Thank God for the certainty that comes from belief in Him

Word

Read John 20:19-23

- How many Disciples were there at the meeting?
- How do you think the Disciples felt about Jesus appearing at the meeting?
- What did Jesus want most of all for his disciples?

Read John 20:24-28

- Discuss any differences you can see between the first and second meeting of the disciples?
- Why do you think Thomas wasn't at the first meeting?
- Discuss what Jesus said to Thomas and Thomas' reaction?
- What exactly did Thomas mean in v28; had any disciples or followers said that before?

Read John 20:29-31

- What was Jesus' last beatitude?
- John's Gospel is considered quite different to the other three. Discuss reasons why this could be the case?

Read also John 11:16 and John 14:5

- What can you discover about Thomas' state of mind in John 20?
- Why do you think he acted the way he did?
- Did Thomas' decision to miss the first meeting work out well or badly for him?

- Depression is a serious problem today with one in five or 13 million people in the UK having experienced it at one time or another. Do you see any of the symptoms of depression in Thomas' actions?

Response

- During this week please pray for someone you know with depression. Try to find all you can about depression to enable you to best help them