

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

## Welcome

- Share your favourite mission statement or advertising slogan. Does reality match the words?

## Worship

- Read Luke 4: 14 - 21
- Verses 18 and 19 can be seen as a personal mission statement for Jesus. Share what inspires you from this statement.

## Word

### **Read Matthew 10: 1 - 16**

- How do you imagine the original disciples felt about the mission and the way of working that Jesus gave them?
- What questions might they have had for Jesus before they left? Suggest some possible answers.
- As a group, imagine Jesus were giving similar teaching for our cultural context. What sort of equivalent instructions might he give for mission in 21<sup>st</sup> century Coventry?
- With one person as scribe, capture your answer in your own modern version of this passage.

## Response

Spend some time considering what your personal mission in life may be. Ponder a while in prayer. It may help to think about these questions:

- What am I on planet earth for?
- What inspires me to get out of bed in the morning?
- What evil really bothers me?
- Which activities make me feel most deeply alive?
- What would I want my epitaph to be?

You may find that, as you continue in prayer over a period of days or weeks, your answer becomes clearer. Write it down somewhere. Use it to guide your life choices. Share it with someone.