

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

Welcome

- Look back at a decision that changed your life. If it's not too private, share what you imagine might have happened had you made a different choice.

Worship

- Read Psalm 145 together.
- Let each person share something positive about God they find in this Psalm.
- Thank God together for his goodness.

Word

Read Matthew 11: 16 - 19

- Compare the different ministries of John the Baptist and Jesus.
- How are the people of Jesus' day like the children in this parable?
- What can we learn about mission in our world today?

Read Matthew 11: 20 - 30

- Who or what is being **judged** according to verses 20 - 24? Why are they under judgment?
- Who are the **children** of verse 25? What qualities did they have that might have made them recipients of the Father's love?
- To whom is the **invitation** of verses 28 - 30 offered?
- To what extent are you like those being **judged**, like the **children** of verse 25 and like those hearing the **invitation** of the closing verses? Can we be all three?

Response

At the end of each day reflect in prayer on how you have lived according to these themes:

1. The unresponsive one who ignore Jesus' invitations to change for the better
2. The childlike ones who respond in simple faith
3. The blessed ones who rest in Jesus.

Attune yourself to respond to God each day.