

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

Welcome

- Tell us about your favourite maths teacher.

Worship

- Read slowly John 13: 1 - 5
- Talk together about what you might see, hear, smell or feel if you were in the room during this story.
- How would you respond if Jesus came to wash your feet?
- Thank God for Jesus' example and pray for the grace to follow it.

Word

- Read Ephesians 4: 1 - 6. What's the key word here do you think?
- Which part of this reading do you find most challenging, and why?
- How many churches are there in Coventry, do you suppose? Does your answer affect the way we live and worship?
- Read Ephesians 4: 7 - 8. Discuss what the word 'grace' means. In this light, try to understand verse 7.
- Read Ephesians 4:11. Give a brief definition of each of the five roles. (See overleaf for some suggested answers if you are stuck!)
- Without mentioning David (!) try to give example of people with each of these roles. Are there any roles you feel we are missing locally?
- Read Ephesians 4: 11 - 13. What is the overall purpose of the five roles mentioned in verse 11?
- Do you think everyone is called to works of service? Discuss, perhaps in pairs, what your particular works of service might be.
- Why are some reluctant to serve? How can we help them to get involved? Do we ever unintentionally get in the way of allowing others to be involved? What could we do to encourage more folk into acts of service so as to share the load of the few who do a great deal!

Response

- Write down some of your areas of service. Prayerfully consider in what ways they are meeting the goal of these verses.

The five-fold leadership roles

1. An **apostle** has a ministry beyond the local church, perhaps to set up new ones.
2. A **prophet** shares a special message from God that is particularly apt for a church, area or nation.
3. An **evangelist** shares the good news about Jesus with others.
4. A **pastor** cares for people's well-being.
5. A **teacher** explains the Bible to the church so that people can follow Christ faithfully..