

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

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Welcome

Describe a time in your life when you have felt fully alive.

Worship

Complete the lectio divina sheet on Isaiah 54 OR read and respond to Psalm 107.

Word:

Read Luke 10: 25-28

- What does Jesus say in response to the person who asked ‘what must I do to inherit eternal life [fullness of life]’?
- What do the different aspects of heart, soul, mind and strength suggest about wholeness of life?
- To what extent is both loving God and loving neighbour central to living a full life?

Optional extra material:

- What do any of the following Bible passages say about those different elements of fullness of life? Gen 1: 28-30; Gen 2: 18; Psalm 27:4; Prov 3: 13-18; Micah 6:8; Rom 12: 2

Read Exodus 31: 1-4

- In what ways does the example of Bezalel and Oholiab reflect fullness of life?
- What lessons could we learn from them as to how we can experience fullness of life in our own contexts?

Read John 10:10

- What are some of the things that rob us of fullness of life? *You may want to consider aspects of our society and culture; our backgrounds; our experiences of loss and grief*
- As a group discuss what it is that God is inviting us to, in offering us fullness of life? You may want to think of particular Bible verses or passages that emphasise the abundance of God’s provision; the depth of God’s love; the liberating nature of Christ’s redemption; the hope for both now and the future...

Response

- Consider how we, as a church, can express Jesus' invitation to fullness of life to those for whom life's circumstances seem to have robbed them of that fullness.
- Try to work out some concrete next steps - things we can actually do, and make plans to do them.