

WITNESS – Reaching out to others

(Aim for 20 – 30 minutes)

Five people volunteer to do one topic each. Read the set words and then pray an extempore prayer about your topic. With luck it will take 10 mins!

Ffald-y-Brenin Blessings

Heavenly Father we take upon ourselves the mantle of authority that Jesus delegates to us and in His name we speak to every household in Hungerford and say to you:-

1 Relationships

We bless you in the Name of the Lord. We bless your marriages that they may be strong and whole. We bless the relationship between each marriage partner that it may be loving, forgiving, merciful and strong. We bless every intergenerational relationship within each household that there may be peace and love and understanding flowing between each one.

In Jesus' name we bless every network of wholesome and supportive friendship.

2 Health

We bless your health that you may be strong and well. In Jesus' name we resist any sickness or disease which seeks to invade this parish and to every person in the parish we say, be well, be strong, be healthy. To any who are sick right now we say we bless you in Jesus' name with a speedy recovery.

3 Wealth

We bless your wealth that you may have plenty to replace poverty. We bless you to have enough to live and enough to give. We bless the work of your hands that whatever you turn your hand to which is wholesome may be profitable. We bless every wholesome enterprise that is conducted by you that it may prosper and be successful. We bless the local businesses that they may be successful and profitable.

4 Education

We bless the local schools that they may be secure, safe places for teachers and pupils alike. We bless the children's capacity to learn and develop relationships and we bless their simple trust in Jesus that their trust may grow and become enriched.

5 Church

We speak to the Church and we say we bless you in the Name of the Lord that the Holy Spirit and the Word of God may flow out from you in power. We bless the hearts of all who live in the parish that they may be quickened to hear and respond to the Voice of the Living God. We bless all who live and work here, that the overspill of the blessings of the presence of the kingdom of God may fall upon you.

JOHN 21.1-25

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A Walk with a Resurrected Man ***John 21:1–25***

WELCOME – Breaking the ice ***(Aim for 10 minutes)***

When have you seen God at work over the last week?

OR

When have you felt closest to God this week?

WORSHIP – Meeting the Lord ***(Aim for 10 – 15 minutes)***

The Examen

Think about what has been the best thing and what has been the worst thing which has happened over the last week.

Each say a “Thank you” prayer for the best thing that has happened.

WORD – Applying the truth **(Aim for 40 – 45 minutes)**

Most of us find it easier to forgive than to forget. We may be ready to forgive someone who has hurt us deeply, but we have a hard time trusting that person again.

- ♦ Describe how you feel when someone you have hurt refuses to forgive you?

Peter failed Jesus miserably. He promised to give up his life if necessary to protect Jesus but denied him a few hours later. Peter knew Jesus had forgiven him. But would Jesus still trust him? Could Jesus still use him to bring glory to God? **Read John 21:1–14**

1. What was the significance of Peter's decision to return to fishing (vv. 1–3)?

2. What was Jesus trying to show the disciples by allowing them to catch such a large number of fish (vv. 4–6; see Lk 5:4–11)?

3. When Peter hears that “It is the Lord” (vv. 7–8) he jumps into the water and begins swimming ahead of the boat. What does this reveal about Peter and his relationship with Jesus?

4. How would you have responded if you had denied the Lord only a few days earlier?

5. Read John 21:15–25. What subtle differences do you notice in Jesus' three questions and Peter's responses (vv. 15–17)? What do you think is the significance of those differences?

6. What can we learn from this passage about the steps involved in restoring a Christian who has sinned?

7. Why do you think Jesus chose this particular time to predict the kind of death Peter would die (vv. 18–19)?

8. Picture Jesus saying these things to you. How would you respond or what would the words mean in the context of your life?

“Do you truly love me?”

“Take care of my sheep”

“You must follow me”

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