

SERVICE OUTLINE

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WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

Rob Bridgewater

SONGS Creation Sings the Father's Song
All Creatures of our God and King

CONFESSION

Heavenly Father, you have loved us with an everlasting love, but we have gone our own way and broken your laws. We are sorry for our sins, and turn away from them. For the sake of your Son who died for us, forgive us, cleanse us and change us. By your Holy Spirit, enable us to live for you, and to please you more and more; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

PSALM 100

CHILDREN'S SLOT

SONG There's Nothing, Nothing I Could Do or Say

5-11s leave for children's church in the scout hut (they will be brought back to the hall after the service). There are also separate crèches / groups for 0-4s in the hall.

BIBLE READING

1 Thessalonians 3:10-13 p.1187 (*Chinese Bibles p.960*)

SERMON

Ed Pennington

Extended sermon notes in simple English are available on the welcome desk for anyone who would find them helpful.

SONG Oh How Good It Is

PRAYERS

Mark Hinds

SONG Before the Throne

CLOSING PRAYER

Please join us for refreshments in the church hall, including a meal for the kids.

1 THESSALONIANS 3:10-13

SERMON NOTES

What should we want for ourselves / others?
i.e. what do we pray for

Consistent Faith (v10-11)

Overflowing love (v12)

Sustaining hope (v13)

GROWTH GROUPS & FAMILY TABLETALK

Growth groups meet during the week. Part of what we do is to help each other think through more deeply what we learn on Sundays—and then be ready to change as a result. Here are some questions.

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2. Leaving aside the *content* of Paul's prayer for a moment, how would you describe the *manner* of his prayer, and his relationship to God, and to the people he's praying for?
What lessons can we learn for ourselves?
3. How can we recognise and then supply "what is lacking" in each other's faith? Our own?
4. Paul wants to see their love overflow toward others. From what we have seen in Thessalonians

so far, what does this love look like? How does God's love for us provide the power for this?

5. How does the prayer for strengthened hearts and blameless lives in v13 link with the coming return of Jesus? How should our future hope shape our lives today?

Case Study:

Jan never knows what to say when it comes to prayer requests in her growth group. How could these verses help her?

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SONG Rock of Ages

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Jo Smith

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WHERE'S EVERYONE GOING?

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