

SERVICE OUTLINE

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

Ed Pennington

SONGS Creation sings the Father's song
How can it be the one who died

CONFESSION

Our heavenly Father thank you that you love us and care for us all the time. We know that this week we have not always lived the way you tell us. We have done wrong things and not done all the good things we should have done. Only you can save us, so please forgive us and help us to live as your friends. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

May almighty God, who sent his Son into the world to save sinners, bring us his pardon and peace, now and for ever. **Amen.**

MEMORY VERSE

Nikki Kennett & Lucy Cross

SONG Day after day

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

Martyn Lorimer

2 Corinthians 4:1-6 p.1160
(Chinese Bibles p.933)

SERMON

SONG O come to the altar

WHO COULD I REACH? WHAT'S THE NEXT STEP?

PRAYERS

Charlotte Gardner

SONGS Your glorious cause O God
Tell out my soul

CLOSING PRAYER

Please join us for refreshments in the church hall, including a meal for the kids and anyone who is staying on for the discussion time.

GROWTH GROUPS & FAMILY TABLETALK

Some growth groups meet during the week over the summer. 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.

1. What struck, challenged or encouraged you in the teaching from God's word on Sunday?
2. What things make us lose heart when it comes to evangelism?
3. Why is it important to see our ministry as being given to us through God's *mercy*?
4. What are examples of distortions of the Word of God? What difference are there to the way in which the world advertises its products with the way in which Paul proclaims the gospel? (v2, 5)

2 CORINTHIANS 4:1-6

SERMON NOTES

How not to lose heart in evangelism
(because we know we could!)

Trust God's mercy

Trust God's message

Trust God's power

5. To what extent are we responsible for the way people respond to the gospel when we evangelise?
6. How does v6 encourage us to pray and to proclaim?

Who are you trying to reach out to at the moment? Perhaps growth group could commit to praying for each other, and to hear about answers to prayer over the coming weeks.

And here is a question for parents and children to discuss over a meal time one day...

What do we do, and what does God do, in evangelism?