

SERVICE OUTLINE

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

Ben Tanner

SONGS All creatures of our God and King
My soul finds rest in God alone (Psalm 62)

CONFESSION

**O King enthroned on high,
filling the earth with your glory:
holy is your name,
Lord God almighty.
In our sinfulness we cry to you
to take our guilt away,
and to cleanse our lips to speak your word,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

PRAYERS

Sheila Turner

CHILDREN'S ITEM

SONG Fruit of the Spirit song

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.

SONG Holy Spirit Living Breath of God

BIBLE READING

Phil Turner

Luke 6:43-45 p. 1034
(Chinese Bibles p. 834)

SERMON

Ed Pennington

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

SONGS Consider Christ
I Stand Amazed

CLOSING PRAYER

Members of the prayer team will be available at the front right of church, and would be happy to talk and pray with you about anything.

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT: GOODNESS

SERMON NOTES

Introduction: God's design for your life

The goodness of God

Our goodness is... the purpose of God's love

Our goodness is... the product of God's love

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 does Jesus mean when he says "no-one is good except God alone"? In Exodus 34:6-7, what does God speak of when he describes his goodness?
3. "God does not love us because we are good. He loves us, and his love is what makes us good." Why is this so important to understand?
4. Look at Titus 2:14. How would you summarise Jesus' purpose in saving us?

5. Luke 6:43-45 talks about goodness as a fruit from what is stored in our heart. How can we store up good in our hearts? (be practical!)

Case study: "I think good people go to heaven" says a non-Christian friend. How would you respond?

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

Does God save us because we are good?