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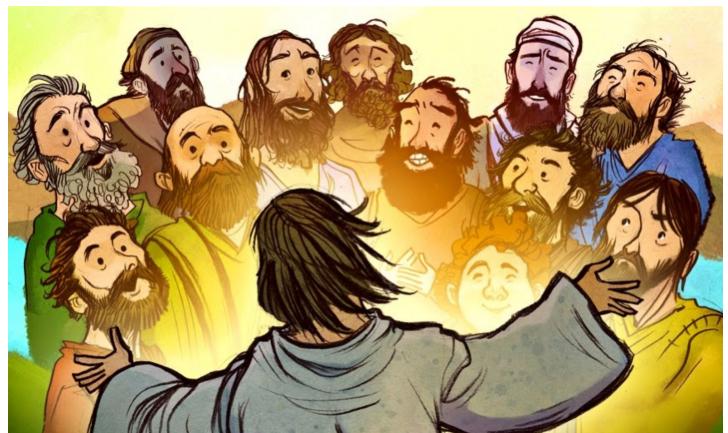
Earlswood Baptist Church

As we read the words of Scripture, take a moment and reflect on how God's word has encouraged you and could bring action steps into your life. "For the word of God is living and active..." (Hebrews 4:12, ESV)

"I'm praying for them. I'm not praying for the world but for those you gave me, because they are yours. Everything that is mine is yours and everything that is yours is mine; I have been glorified in them. I'm no longer in the world, but they are in the world, even as I'm coming to you. Holy Father, watch over them in your name, the name you gave me, that they will be one just as we are one." John 17:9-11

We see in this passage that Jesus cares greatly for his disciples, as he is asking God to protect them: "watch over them." Why would Jesus pray so tenderly for his disciples? I believe a few words in the passage explain this. Christ says to God "for those you gave me," "they are yours." Other versions state, "They belong to you." Jesus believed his disciples belonged to him and God.

Do you realise that you belong to God and Christ? 1 Corinthians 3:23 states, "You belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God." 1 John 3 tells us that we are God's children. We are part of and belong in God's family!



Jesus feels tenderly towards us as he did to his disciples because we belong to him as well. Can you believe this word is true for you? How might the truth of this word, that you belong, change you? What if you really believed you belong in God's family, that you are precious to God and worth protecting?

Dear God, open my mind and my heart to believe this, to fully understand that I belong to you. Reveal to me what it means to be a part of your family. Help me experience more of your love today as a child of God. Amen.

- Look for God revealing the truths of the word to you, in your day-to-day life, in your friends, in your family.
- Ask the Spirit to open your eyes to the power of the word.
- Spend time in Scripture seeking to receive, understand, and believe the word.

Sunday Services

Sunday 6th May

10.30am Communion Service led by Rev. Jonathan Hardwick

Sunday 13th May

10.30am Morning Worship led by Jon Bartlett

Sunday 20th May

10.30am Family Communion Service led by Rev. Jonathan Hardwick

Sunday 27th May

10.30am Morning Worship led by Rev. Jonathan Hardwick

There is an open invitation for prayer at the end of each morning service. If you would like prayer, with or without the anointing of oil, then please make your way to the front row of chairs during our closing songs.

PARENTS: Could we remind you to collect your children from Sunday School straight after the service. The team need to pack away and cannot assume responsibility for children after the service.

Hearing aid users:

We have a hearing loop so please turn your hearing aid to the setting “T”.

Children:

Please note that children are the responsibility of their parents except whilst in Sunday school.

Sunday morning messages online:

You can listen to Sunday morning messages online at www.earlswoodbc.org

Other Events and Activities

Family Fun @ 3

Please come along and support this family orientated, community congregation on **May 26th from 3.00pm - 5.00pm**. If you are able to join us as a volunteer “Enabler” it would be great to see you. If you would like some flyers to hand to family or friends then please see Jonathan.

The following regular activities take place during the week. If you would like more information such as venues, please do ask.

House Group:

House Group meets each Tuesday evening at 8pm. Please speak to Jonathan or Jon for the venue.

Coffee Club:

Coffee Club meets every other Friday at 10.30am for the more “senior” members of our fellowship and community. There will be tea, coffee, cake, board games and other fun activities. Coffee Club will meet on 11th & 25th May and 8th & 22nd June.

Prayer:

Regular Prayer takes place at the Tuesday House Group and there is a Women’s Prayer Meeting on Wednesday mornings in term-time. If you have specific prayer requests then please contact Jonathan.

“Little Ark” Parent and toddler group:

Term-time Thursdays, 9.00-11.30am. Speak to Maxine for more details.

Spark:

Spark Infants - 5.30pm - 6.30pm Term time Thursdays. For children in Reception to Yr2.

Spark Juniors - 5.30pm - 6.30pm Term time Fridays. For children in Yr3 - Yr6.

CHURCH



MATTERS

**This months Church Meeting will take place on
Monday 21st May at 7.45pm. All are welcome to
attend but only church members are eligible to vote.**

Coffee Club at Earlswood Baptist Church

Tea, coffee, cake, a chat and some games.

For the over 55's, every other Friday you can meet old friends or make some new friends in a relaxed environment.

(Suggested £1 donation per week)

Join us on:

11th & 25th May

8th & 22nd June

