

WITNESS – Reaching out to others
(Aim for 20 – 30 minutes)

Praying for one another

Romans 12:9-21 (NIVUK)

¹⁰ Be devoted to one another in love. Honour one another above yourselves. ¹¹ Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervour, serving the Lord. ¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

Go around the group and share a challenge what you are facing so that others might pray for you.

When each person has shared pray for each other, with each person praying for the person on their left..

Conclude by praying The Caleb prayer:-

O High King of Heaven,
Have mercy on our land.
Revive your Church.
Send the Holy Spirit for the sake of the lost, the least and the broken.
May your Kingdom come to our nation.
In Jesus' mighty name. **Amen.**

Trusting God in 8 Troubled Times

Where will it end?

Read Isaiah 65

WELCOME – Breaking the ice

(Aim for 10 minutes)

The Lord's prayer says

“Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven”

How would Hungerford be different if only God's will was done here?

What would stop? What would take place?

WORSHIP – Meeting the Lord

(Aim for 10 – 15 minutes)

As you turn to pray be quiet for a moment and turn your focus to God.

Go around the room and each person pray a thank you prayer.

Then together pray:-

**Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,
Ignite in us your holy fire;
Strengthen your children with the gift of faith,
Revive your Church with the breath of love,
And renew the face of the earth,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Finish this worship time with the leader praying for your meeting.

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

Read Isaiah 65

1 How does God appeal for people to follow him (verses 1,2) ?

2 What specific charges does Isaiah bring against those who refuse to respond to God's invitation to come to him (3-7 and 11-12)?

3 How do you respond to the statement that "God's judgement will fall on those who do not respond"? How do you think God feels about this situation?

4 Isaiah identifies a group who forsake God and seek someone or something else instead. What do they choose (verses 6-7)? Why does this lead to destruction?

5 What contrasts does the prophet draw between those who are God's servants and those who forsake him (13-16)? Why is it so stark?

6 What simple joys and pleasures characterise the new heavens and new earth (verses 17-25)?

7 How do you picture the new heavens and the new earth?

8 How do you feel about going to heaven?