

- (along with presentation of books to Bodybuilders)

That's Not Fair

- When do we say "That's not fair!"...?
 - ask...

It's not fair

- It's not fair when my older sister or brother can do things I can't!
- It's not fair when my younger brother or sister gets away with things I don't
- It's not fair when someone who is not as good as me at their job gets promoted and I don't
- It's not fair when I get caught speeding
- It's not fair when rich people take advantage of poor people to stay rich
- It's not fair when bad things happen to good people
- Where does our sense of injustice come from? Ultimately from God
 - part of what it means to be made in God's image, bearing his characteristics
 - and important that we become increasingly like God in this

Comfortable/Uncomfortable

- Postcards of what God is like - words, or pictures
 - put them up as "comfortable" or "uncomfortable"
 - finishing with thanksgiving for all of who God is... (prayer)
- Move into Summer Focus, introducing people to all of who God is

An uncomfortable story

- Drama: monologue, Ruth
 - (image: blank screen)

David's sin and God's forgiveness

- (image: David weeping)
- are we surprised God forgives him?
- if not, isn't our view of God a bit one-sided?

Substitutes

- Times people stand in for us...
 - substitute on a football or Rugby team
 - understudy at the theatre
 - stunt double in the movies
 - power of attorney, person empowered to act on another's behalf if they aren't able to
 - lawyer in court
- Read Romans 3:21-26
- Jesus stood in for us, even more than just arguing our case he even took our punishment - because we were unable to
 - isn't that "unfair", him taking our punishment?
 - (scandal expressed by the Chronicler)
 - if he hadn't taken it on himself, he would not have been a God of justice
- Cross: simultaneously reveals Jesus to be a God of justice, love and mercy all at the same time
- Link to need to introduce people - lost world of Jacko... - to this forgiveness
- And reflective pictures with a re-read of Romans 3:21-26