

- Family service

Lord's Prayer

- Before we come to pray this morning, we are going to think a little bit about the Lord's Prayer, which we repeat most weeks
 - focus in on one particular phrase - give us this day our daily bread - or, put another way - give us our food for today
 - before we pray, we are going to look together at a brief presentation to help us reflect on the fact that (i) if God provides for our needs, and (ii) we are to be like him, then (iii) we ought to be helping provide for one another's needs - around the world, and within our own congregation

Identity Parade

- Explain what an identity parade is
 - but we'll be looking, not for someone the police want to speak to, but for the odd one out
- Get first set of 5 volunteers up:
 - 4 sets of hats/scarves/gloves, and one set of baseball hat/sunglasses
- Get second set of 5 volunteers up:
 - 4 sheep faces, 1 goat!
- We're looking today at a story that Jesus told about sheep and goats:
 - its a story he used to explain how people who loved him would be separated from those who didn't
 - and its also a story about some of the things that will mark out those who love and serve Jesus

Mime

- Either imagine the situation, or have someone mime the actions:
 - use the script of someone wanting to spend time with God, but being interrupted by people in need...
- What do you think of the priorities?
 - but isn't spending time with God critically important?
- If we love God we'll show it in the way we love others
 - we'll need the times learning about God and drawing close to him (perhaps together on a Sunday, perhaps on our own at other times)
 - but those times will translate into action

Optical Illusion

- Distribute optical illusion sheets and get folk to do the exercise
- *How many folk can find their blind spot?*
- In Matthew 25:41-45, Jesus talks about the goats having a blind spot!
 - sheep and goats - descriptions/labels for two groups of people
 - the goats' blindspot is that they cannot see Jesus in the needy people around them
 - Jesus says that **he** was hungry and thirsty and a stranger needing hospitality and protection, **he** needed clothes and medicine and comfort...
 - those who really are his sheep, his people, will recognise him in those needy people and respond to their needs as a way of serving him

Conclusion

- To conclude, use the space at the bottom of those sheets:
 - is there someone, or some group of people, who God is prompting you to help?
 - where might your **blind spots** be, either of people or of what needs others might have?
 - take a moment to think, pray, perhaps talk to the person next to you about what they think...
 - and if you want to draw or write in something to remind you or prompt you in taking action, do that