

Chat with the Children

- When you have had a really rubbish day, and aren't feeling great, what makes you feel better?
 - (chocolate?)
 - switch off with the TV/book/distraction?
 - phone call to a friend?
- Just a sticking plaster? Or something that really helps?
 - in knowing Jesus and his transforming power, from the inside out, that there is hope...

Poverty Recap

- Poverty is more than merely the lack of money or other material resources:
 - encompasses lacks in four basic relationships...
 - with **God...** (explored a little last week)
 - with **ourselves...** (think about this week)
 - with **others...**
 - and with **the rest of creation** - with stuff (think about in future weeks)
- Recap on **created - spoiled - redeemed....**
 - rooted in our restored relationship with God
 - which should then spill over into the rest of life - "do not be conformed, but be transformed" (Romans 12:1,2)
 - discipleship...

We are: Created

- Created with inherent worth
- Created with inherent dignity
- Created, not creator - we are not God, and his role is not ours to play
- Created with a high calling, a huge purpose in life, for stuff that matters
- *Who are you? WOW!!*

We are: Spoiled

- We know there's more to the picture of how we operate as people in this world:
 - we are anxious, we have doubts, we are afraid, we feel shame - that paralyses us from living as if all the things we were created to be were true, we get depressed...
 - self help groups - address this sense of hopelessness - the cost of a coffee a day can change your life...
 - low self-esteem - opposite of created with inherent worth
 - treat ourselves badly - our bodies, our minds, our emotions - opposite of the created dignity we were made for
 - we settle for getting by, for existing, for making it through - not the high calling we were made for, for significance
 - or we find that desire for significance partially satisfied in the wrong things - in being capable, in helping others, in a mini-god complex (even in good deeds)
- This is both how we are **and** how we are not meant to be
 - "its just how I am..." **NO!**

We are: Redeemed

- Do not be conformed
 - tell truth to lies - who are you, what is your calling, is their something to be afraid

of....?

- long slow battle - hidden, full of setbacks as well as victories, a battle to be fought in the deepest places of our souls - not something we Scots have been easily able to talk about!

- I have come that you might have life, and life in all its fullness (John 10:10)

- *Growth is possible - we are redeemed - not just saved for glory, but saved for transformation, for recreation, from the inside out!*