



## **God is in control**

Psalm 139

Acts 17v26: "And [God] made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place"

Romans 8v28 "And we know that God works in all things for the good of those who love him"

Romans 13v1 "There is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God"

## **Children are eternal**

John 11v25-26 "Jesus said to her "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who believes in me shall never die."

1 Peter 1v3-5: "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time"

Matthew 25v46 "these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life"

1 Corinthians 15v20-21: "But in fact Christ has been risen from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead"

## **Jesus' way is the best way**

Mark 10v29-30 "Jesus said "Truly I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life"

John 10v10 "I have come that they may have life and have it abundantly"

Titus 2v11-12 "For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in the present age"

## Colossians 3v5-17

- What would it be like to live amongst people trying to put these verses in to practice?
- Why might it be exciting to think that this is the way a Christian can and should be living?
- How is the Christian way of life different to what our society might say or think?
- How might these verses grow our desire for the children in our church family and in our homes to know Jesus more than the things our society says will benefit them?

## Helping children engage with Jesus

1 Thessalonians 2v7-8 “We were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children. So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us”

- How many different ‘structured’ ways can you come up with to engage children with Jesus at home?
- What everyday opportunities can you come up with that could lead to a conversation about the gospel(or an aspect of it)?
- Are there ways we can help one another to think this through?

## Helping children engage with issues of sex, gender and relationships.

- Where does our society agree with God’s worldview on these issues?
- Are there any opportunities to affirm these with our children?
- Where does our society disagree with God’s worldview on these issues?
- Are there any opportunities to point out these differences and why they’re different with our children?
- Are there ways we can help one another to think talking to our children about these issues?

## Helping children engage with social media

- Are there ways we can help children discover using the internet together?
- What opportunities do we have to model talking about individuals as people not ‘others’
- What opportunities do we have to model social use of social media and technology to children?
- Are there ways we can help one another to think talking to our children about these issues?