

Long Furlong Connections Sunday – Sunday 23 August 2020

Welcome & Opening Worship

Bible Reading – John 21: 1-19

Discussion & Prayer in Breakout Rooms

Agape Meal

Whether you are on your own today, or in a household, we are gathering together as family. Everyone is welcome to eat the bread -young and old, adults and children. We're going to use words from John 21, to help us to pray.

Leader: So, as we gather around our tables, we want to say,

Welcome Lord Jesus into our homes.

All: Welcome Lord Jesus into our homes.

Leader: Lord Jesus, thank you that you went ahead of the disciples and prepared a meal for them. They were weary and tired from the night's fishing. They were bewildered and overjoyed by the size of the morning's catch.

Lord, we come this morning with all our mixed feelings from these strange times we are living through. Thank you that you invite us to come and eat, and be nourished by your presence.

Thank you, Lord, that you welcome us into your presence.

All: Thank you, Lord, that you welcome us into your presence.

Leader: 'Jesus came and took the bread, and gave it to them and did the same with the fish'. (13) How the disciples must have remembered the times when they had gathered together and Jesus had broken the bread and shared the wine: His body and blood.

Lord, in times when we are having to do things differently, thank you that you are the same Lord. You meet us in this simple meal. You remind us of your redeeming love.

Lord Jesus, thank you that your love is always with us

All: Lord Jesus, thank you that your love is always with us

Leader: As the meal concludes, Jesus asks Peter a question. It's a question that Jesus continues to ask those who follow Him today.

'Peter, my child, do you love me?'

'You know I love you, Lord'

'Feed my lambs'.

Lord, you know that we come to you with empty hands. You know that our love for you is so often not as we would want it to be; our care for your lambs is lacking. May we know your strengthening: your nourishing of our souls and your direction for our lives.

Lord Jesus, refresh in us your word of hope and love for the world.

All: Lord Jesus, refresh in us your word of hope and love for the world.

Leader: As we take, share and eat our 'breakfast with Jesus', let's have our own conversation with him now.

Music

**All: Lord Jesus Christ, thank you that you have met with us;
thank you that you invite us to respond to your love with our love;
thank you that you send us to feed your lambs in whatever way we can.**

Leader: Open our eyes, Lord, to see more of your risen glory.
Fill us with your new life.
Refresh in us your word of hope and love for the world.
In the power of your Spirit, and in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen

The Lord's Prayer

**All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen**