

Liturgical Date: Year B, Pentecost 7, 11th July 2021

Presenter ***Pastor Rick Johnson***

Focus Readings Ephesians 1:3-14

Message 8 minutes 50 seconds ***“Heavens Above!!”***

Discussion Starters

- 1** Tell the others in your group what you thought was the main message. Are there similarities/differences between participants? Has anyone changed their opinion after discussion?
- 2** As an individual, do you feel this talk has assisted your thoughts about the Kingdom of God? How?
- 3** List ways you think YOUR church/group might work to prosper the gospel message in your community.
- 4** Does your group have any obvious ways of spreading the Gospel, that may not have been tried yet? List them, prioritize them for action and assign people to be responsible for their implementation.

Lectionary readings for the day

2 Samuel 6:1-5 David brings the chest containing the covenant to Jerusalem. The chest of the covenant and the temple represent God’s will to bless the Jewish community, and through them to bless other families.

Psalm 24 In this liturgy of entrance to the temple, the temple reminds the community to live in covenant with God.

Mark 6:14-29 The contrast between the life fostered by the temple and life in Herod’s court is stark. The temple gives life (blessing). Herod murders John the Baptist (the opposite of blessing).

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All Age Message ***“Sharing God’s goodness with others”***

Length 2 Minutes 0 seconds

Precis of AAM

Birthdays- think of people, presents, cake. The lovely cake in the shop has to be bought and then shared. God has given his gift of Love and Grace - it is no good just knowing that, it also needs to be shared with friends and be a present to each of them.

Resources **Uniting in Worship (Blue Book) Psalm 24, page 261**

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