

Liturgical Date: Year B, Pentecost 8, 18th July 2021

Presenter ***Rev Jon Humphries***

Focus Readings 2 Samuel 7:1-14a

Message 8 minutes 0 seconds ***“Being Torn-Curtain People”***

Discussion Starters

- 1** What stood out in the readings and /or sermon?
- 2** How much is the way that you do church like (or not like) worshipping in a temple?
- 3** How does the idea of ‘Being a torn curtain people’ fit with or challenge your understanding of what it means to be Church?
- 4** Who and where in your wider local community might God be calling help and serve in the name of Christ?

Lectionary readings for the day

Psalms 89:20-37 This psalm testifies to God’s unconditional covenant to David. God will keep God’s promise and not lie to David, even if his sons commit offences.

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56 Everywhere Jesus travelled, there was a need. Jesus teaches us the selflessness of service and sacrifice in addressing the needs that he encountered. Regardless of pre-set agendas or fatigue, he was willing to give of himself so that others may experience a better life.

Ephesians 2:11-22 Through the bloodshed of Jesus Christ, the cracks in human relationships, the crevices that keep us estranged, and the chasms that keep people divided are overcome.

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All Age Message ***“Can’t wait”***

Length 4 Minutes 0 seconds

Precis of AAM

Jesus and the disciples were always on the move with not a lot of time for rest, it would seem. We need to take time out for rest and reading and prayer and recharging our batteries, but it has to be balanced with the needs of others around us who need God’s love from us as well.

Resources **Uniting in Worship (Blue Book) Psalm 89:20-37, page 309-311**

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