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Liturgical Date: Year C, Pentecost 8, 31st July 2022

Presenter **Rev Paul Simpson**

Focus Readings Luke 12:13-21

Message 15 minutes 50 seconds **"The Rich Fool"**

Discussion Starters

1. What stood out for you from the passage and message?
2. What are the things that get in the way of growing your faith? What are the daily distractions for you?
3. How can you encourage each other to have an "eternity perspective", in your day to day walk of faith??
4. What are the effects of "consumerism" in your community? How can your church be an alternative voice?

Lectionary readings for the day

Hosea 11:1-11 God recalls the punishment visited on peoples in the past and realises that, in spite of Israel's disobedience, God cannot destroy again. Using wonderful images, God reminds us that God is our loving, longsuffering, faithful parent.

Colossians 3: 1-11 Salvation history is the recurring story of God's people wandering away and God's rescuing and reviving. We have every reason to give thanks to God. We are challenged to put aside the way we were and live into our new being. Can we strip off our anger and greed?

Psalm 107:1-9 and 43 God is angry, and the people ask to return to God's favour. They remind God of all the good things God has done in the past and pray that those times will come again.

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All Age Message: Glenda Downie **"Camel through the eye of a needle"**

Length 4 minute 10 seconds

Precis of AAM

How would you feel if you were told to sell everything you have and then give all the money to the poor? For the rich young man who came to Jesus this was just too much! He went away sad. For this man it was impossible but if we really love God then God raises up possibilities we could never imagine.

Resources: Uniting in Worship (Blue Book). Psalm 107 1-9 and 43 pages 328-329

Rev Paul Simpson

I grew up in Hornsby Heights in Sydney. I met my wife Amy in 1999 whilst leading at a Vision Valley kid's camp – we now have two young boys and a pair of caboodles. My spare time is often spent gaming, at the skate park with my boys or spending time with Amy. I love music, free time and Facebook Market Place