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Liturgical Date: Year B, Lent 5, 17th March 2024

Presenter: Carolyn Sharp

Focus Reading: John 12:22-33

Message 6 minutes 40 seconds

“What is Precious to You?”

Discussion Starters

- 1** What touched you in today’s message?
- 2** How does this affect your faith journey?
- 3** How does your congregation live this out?
- 4** What effect does this, or will this, have on your community?

Lectionary readings for the day

Jeremiah 31:31-34 The theme of the new covenant, something that replaces law-keeping, occurs in this text as in the Gospel text. God will forgive sin and not even remember it and a new relation of heart-deep knowing will come.

Psalms 51:1-12 The psalmist is unable to escape the memory and reality of sin. The psalmist longs for restoration in body and spirit: restore joy, create a clean heart, sustain with a willing spirit. Both remorse and forgiveness are visceral: Even the body longs to rejoice again.

Hebrews 5:5-10 Jesus, the divine appointed and fully human priest on behalf of all suffers. Suffering, praying, and learning through obedience are surely no less crucial in our own formation.

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All Age Message: Carolyn Sharp

“Love like a Magnet”

Length 3 minutes 12 seconds

Precis of AAM

Jesus taught how to look after other people and how to love them.

We need to all be like planted seeds that will multiply and not like a single seed that cannot do much on its own. He was helping us to understand that what we do together can have a big effect and that if we just look after ourselves, we won’t help anybody else.

Resources: Uniting in Worship (Blue Book). Psalm 51:1-12 page 289

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I live at Wauchope in the Mid North Coast of NSW. I am Treasurer and on the Church Council as well as leading some services. I am a mum and a granny and I love to catch up with our widespread family as often as I can. I enjoy reading, gardening, walking, knitting, crochet and puzzles and I am looking forward to seeing more of Australia.