

## CONNECT WITH THE MESSAGE

### 'Tough Questions' Part 1

- 1) If you could ask God one question that he would definitely answer, what would you ask?
  
- 2) If Rich had to give an abbreviated version of Sunday's message, which two parts would you like him to include no matter what? Why?
  
- 3) Read **Romans 1v18-23**
  - a) **Verses 19 and 20** say that God's existence is clearly shown by what he has made.
    - i) In what ways do you think the universe and/or the things in it clearly show God's existence?
  
    - ii) In what ways do the universe and/or the things in it tell us about what God is like?
  
    - iii) Are there things about God that are not shown to us by the universe and/or the things in it? If so, what do you think they are?
  - b) **Verses 8-20** talk about people deliberately and inexcusably rejecting the truth about God's existence.
    - i) How much do you agree with that claim?
  
    - ii) In what ways do you think that people today reject/ignore the truth about God's existence?
  
    - iii) Why do you think they do?
  - c) **Verses 21-23** say that people who reject God unwisely swap God for other things.
    - i) What do you think the 'images' in **verse 23** were?
  
    - ii) What things do you think people today look to instead of God? Why do you think people prefer these things to God?
  
    - iii) What can you do to help people you know reconnect with the real God?
  
    - iv) In what way do you personally look to other things instead of looking to God to meet your needs?

# DIGGING DEEPER

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Read **Psalm 53v1-6**, written by King David.

- a) Why does David say it is foolish to deny that God exists?
- b) How sympathetic do you think David is towards people with that view?
- c) What reasons/motives do you think this Psalm attributes to those who deny that God exists?
- d) In what ways, if ever, do you doubt God's existence? Why?
- e) What results does this Psalm say come from denying God's existence?
- f) What does this Psalm see as the solution to this problem?
- g) What can you actively and deliberately do in order to help bring about the answer to the prayer in **v6**?

## CONNECT IN PRAYER

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The **Alpha Meal** is on **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 7pm**. Please pray about who you will invite, that there will be a really good turnout and that people will sign up to the February course as a result.

The **Parenting Course** starts on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February at 7.45pm**. Please pray that it will be a really successful course and for Diane and Michel Larribeau who are running it.

## CONNECT WITH CHURCH LIFE

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**Church Members' Evening** is on **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January at 7.45pm**, starting promptly at **8pm**. Please make this a top priority as Rich and Chris will be sharing news about some very significant developments. Please could all church members attend where possible.

**January Prayer Week 2013** is on **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> - Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> January**. The events during this week are as follows:

**Prayer Evening: Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>** at 7.30pm

**Men's Prayer: Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>** at 7.45pm

**Women's Prayer: Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>** at 7.45pm

**Sabbath Fast: Friday 18<sup>th</sup> - Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Church Meal: Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>** at 5pm-9pm.

The **Alpha Meal** is on **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 7pm** at Prezzo in Lewes. If you would like to come on Alpha or know someone who is coming to the meal, please book in via the website, the church office or speak to Jeff.

The **Parenting Course** starts on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February at 7.45pm**. Please speak to Diane or Michel Larribeau for more details and to book in.