



exist.org.uk

sunday service resource

aim

the aim of this resource is to allow you to illustrate the significance of Jesus' words and to equip your congregation to accept responsibility in making the words of Jesus known. this resource can be used in conjunction with exist literature (existature).

text

luke 8:1-15

what you'll need

prep time 30mins

packet of flower or grass seed and seed tray

a packet of cress seed

existature available from Scottish Bible Society. 1 box provides 200 copies of 8 selected sayings of Jesus

a mobile telephone with a loudspeaker

sunday service resource

as worshippers arrive for the service they can be handed from the minister, priest or worship leader a small flower or grass seed as they are welcomed and asked to keep it close by during the service.

call to worship

hymns/songs

Thou Whose Almighty Word
God has Spoken by His Prophets
You're the Word of God the Father
Speak O Lord

prayers

children's focus

children to be given cress seed and asked to scatter it on the seed tray. the tray is to be kept by one family for 1 week

hymn or song

Jesus Is King
Be Bold Be Strong
Strength Will Rise as We Wait Upon the Lord

bible reading: luke 8:1-15

the parable of the sower

the seed given earlier should be held in one hand, the other hand should hold the bible whilst the parable is being read

missions focus:

calling our mission partners

for this a phone call to a missionary or neighbouring congregation could be arranged. The call could have 2-3 prepared questions that asks how the church or mission partner is involved in spreading the seed of God's word. This could be done with a mobile phone held next to a microphone and amplified for the congregation to hear.

intercessory prayers

prayers should follow a pattern known to the congregation. thought should be given to the parable and its invitation to be sharing the word of God and how this may be done by the congregation faithfully and creatively. thought should be given to ministries and partnerships where people are actively sharing the word of God in the world

hymn or song of your choice

sermon

the sermon should focus on the role of the sower to scatter the seed, which is the word world of God indiscriminately, generously and freely.

scattering the word

as the congregation sing the service leader should distribute the sayings of Jesus throughout the congregation, inviting the congregation to liken the saying of Jesus to the seed given at the beginning, both were made to be scattered and planted!

prayers of response

*loving God, your son Jesus Christ came to
this world to scatter among us your love
and hope.*

*we praise you today for the good news of
the gospel, help us as servants and partners
of the gospel to serve you and share with
others who you are and what you have
done.*

*forgive our coldness of heart that fails to
share your word and hope with others*

*renew our confidence in making you known
by sharing your word*

*remove from us any fears or reluctance we
have in making Jesus known to others*

*help us now to think with whom we may
share your words of hope and comfort with,
open our eyes to see the possibilities of us
being led by you to share with others the
good news of Jesus*

amen

closing worship

Thou Whose Almighty Word
You're the Word of God the Father
Glory to God the Source of All Our Mission

Further resources

www.exist.org.uk

to order your box of exist materials -

<http://www.scottishbiblesociety.org/shop/resources/miscellaneous/cards/exist-leaflets/>

exist easter 2010

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zcvlsBvUeic>

whats exist and how do I use it?

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7q0kX8QtCd8>

what people say about exist

http://www.newtonmearnsbaptist.org.uk/index.php?option=com_jmultimedia&view=media&id=75&Itemid=174

notes

worship leaders should note that 1 box of exist materials have a selection of
8 sayings of Jesus; in total there are 200 in each box
there is a wide selection of PowerPoint presentations and flash
presentations at www.exist.org.uk (click on resources)
an offering could be added if required
additional worship hymns/songs/prayers familiar to the congregation could
be added as required
further information available at www.exist.org.uk
same day reply to questions at info@exist.org.uk