

Sunday 28th June – Soul Training

This week we are looking at the Hopeful Community. Here are some suggestions to engage in this topic further in context with today's sermon.

Read the book of Colossians.

Think about and reflect on how your life as a Christian is intertwined with the story of Jesus.

1. His Death:
Col 3:3 "You have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God."
2. His Resurrection:
Col 2:12 "When you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead"
3. His Ascension:
Col 3:1 "Set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God"
4. His Return:
Col 3:4 "When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory."

Peter encouraged us in 1 Peter 3:15-16 to be prepared to tell people why you have hope and to do so with gentleness and respect.

Can you put into words where your hope comes from? Write down how Jesus and the message of the gospel has intersected your life. This isn't an explanation as such, but more your story – how you came to know God and how God works in your life.

Ecclesiastes 3:11

"Yet God has made everything beautiful for its own time. He has planted eternity in the human heart, but even so, people cannot see the whole scope of God's work from beginning to end."