

July 18th, 2021

GSPV Series: A Series of Questions
8:45 am – Where Can We Find Rest?

Pre-Service: Still (Hillsong) <https://youtu.be/pOB-yfgmezM>

(Georgie) Good morning – and welcome to Good Shepherd, especially if you are visiting with us. Please join us for a cuppa and a chat after the service. I'm GS, helping with worship leading. Pr Paul Fielke will also be leading parts of the service, including the message from God's word with us today.

Housekeeping: mobile phones, conveniences, please exit via café after service.

Over recent weeks we've been exploring questions arising from the life and ministry of Jesus. Last Sunday's question was: **Who is Jesus?**

I wonder: If a friend asked you that question, how would you answer?

Today's question: **Where Can We Find Rest?** With digital technology and all the options we have in our 21st Century, many of us are so busy that we don't have space in our lives to rest or renew relationships. God invites us to rest in him!

I invite you to stand as you are able for our:

Opening Sentences: from Psalm 91

Those who live in the shelter of the Most High
will find rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

He alone is my refuge, my place of safety;

he is my God, and I trust him.

For he will rescue you from every trap

and protect you from deadly disease.

He will cover you with his feathers.

He will shelter you with his wings. (Psalm 91:1-4 NLT)

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit! **Amen.**

Song: Seek First (Housefires) <https://youtu.be/LfAusAxKaaE>

Song: O Come to the Altar (Elevation) <https://youtu.be/ycWDFdOyCHA>

(Please be seated)

Call to Confession *(Paul Fielke)*

As God's people, there are many ways we can get bent out of shape.

It happens when we think we know better than God what's best for us.

It happens when we hurt others through our attitudes, words and actions.

It happens when we are driven by pride or guilt, rather than led by the unfailing love of Jesus. So let's come clean with our Father to seek his mercy for our mess ups... and ask for a fresh filling of the Holy Spirit to live as his children.

Prayer of Confession

Dear Heavenly Father,

We have not always loved you with our whole heart.

We have not always shown the care and love of Jesus to others.

We often live according to our own desires, rather than your purposes for us.

As a result, our frantic activities rob our relationships - and drain the joy out of life.

(Pause for silent reflection and confession)

'We continue'

Lord, please forgive us. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, so we can let go of our agendas and do life in relationship with you. **In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

Declaring God's forgiveness

Jesus gave his authority to his Church to announce forgiveness to those who repent of their sins; and trust him as Saviour and Lord. So by his authority, I declare: Your sins are forgiven - in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. May God's peace fill your heart and soul! Amen

I invite you to stand as you are able for our next song

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(Please be seated)

Bible Reading: *(Georgie)*

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Message: Where can we find rest? *(Paul Fielke)*

Song: 10,000 Reasons (Redman) https://youtu.be/DXDGE_IRIOE

(Please be seated)

General Prayers *(Georgie)*

The Lord's Prayer *(Georgie)*

Announce Retiring Offering + Connect Cards *(Georgie)*

God's mission of making Jesus known in our community happens through building relationships, serving others, and sharing the difference Jesus makes in our lives. Our freewill offerings help resource this mission. Many of you do this electronically. Otherwise, you can do this by placing your freewill offerings in the bowls on the way out today. If you've filled out a Connect Card today, this can also be placed in those bowls.

8:45 Hymn: I Heard the Voice of Jesus say (LH 306)

Blessing *(Georgie)*

'I invite you to turn towards others, raise a hand towards them, and bless them:

May the LORD bless you / and keep you in his care.

May the LORD smile on you / and pour his grace into your lives.

May the Lord look on you with favour - and give you his peace. Amen

Announcements: *(Georgie or)*

Celebrations: "O" B'days: none we know of **"5 or 0" Anniv's:** none we know of

1. **Prayer available in the Prayer Corner.** If there is a need in your life, or someone you care about, someone will be delighted to listen and pray with you.

2. **Warming up our hospitality** – If we are to represent Jesus as the Good Shepherd, we need to be an inclusive and caring community - **where all people are made to feel more than welcome.** So, if you've met a new person over recent weeks, please see if you can catch up with them again. Otherwise, you could introduce yourself to someone new today – and share stories over a cuppa.

If you're visiting today, you might like to pick up a *Welcome Pack* from the café on your way out. Please exit the building through the café area into the courtyard.