

29 MARCH - 4 APRIL RESOURCES

This is a pack of resources to use in the week starting 22 March, with things to help with one of the four things we believe is important for us to do at the moment: **PROMOTE**



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Check out all the resources and media, including a **Worship Playlist** Josh has put together for this week at www.goldhill.org/churchwhereyouare

PROMPTS & QUESTIONS

These prompts and questions are designed to be used by people of all ages and stages of life. If you're an adult using these with children, you can pitch and adapt things for them far better than we can! They can be used:

- by yourself – just take some time reflecting on them, and maybe jot things down
- over the phone – if you're on your own, arrange to call someone and do it together
- with others – carve out some time, gather round and use these as you see fit

On Sunday, Stephen shared from 1 Tim 3:14-16. In it, we saw an encouragement to live well because when we do it promotes Jesus to our world. The prompts here are based on another part of that letter, where Paul gives more details about living well.

So start by reading [1 Timothy 6:17-21](#) together. You might have different versions of the Bible. Read it in a few if you do! (Notes below quote the NIV)

1. A WORD TO THE RICH

Paul starts by writing to 'rich' people. He doesn't have a problem with people being rich. He just wants to make sure they are trusting the right things, not the wrong things.

In the spaces below, write down as many differences between money and God you can come up with (v17 has some places to start, but then come up with your own!):

Money & Wealth

God

Here are some more questions for you to have a think about:

- Why do people '[put their hope in wealth](#)'? What does that even mean and why is it something people do?
- Are there ways you think you might put too much of your trust in money or things?
- What other things (apart from money and God!) do you think people can put too much trust in? See if you can come up with 6 different ones.

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

6.

2. DO SOME GOOD!

Paul doesn't just warn people. He gives positive things to do! Look at [v18-19](#).

Here are some questions for you to consider and explore:

- What do you think it means to be 'rich in good deeds'? Sounds like more than just the odd thing every so often! Why not plan a 'good deed' for every day this week that can promote and show Jesus to people around us?

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT

- In particular, we are encourage to 'be generous and willing to share'. What are 4 things you could share with someone this week?

1.

2.

3.

4.

- Paul gives another encouragement to do good in v19. What do you make of it?

3. PROMOTE TRUTH

In order to promote what is good, we need to know what is good! In the final little bit of the letter, Paul tells Timothy to 'guard what has been entrusted to your care'. He then writes about not listening to wrong ideas but staying true to what we believe, what God has said to us (v20-21).

For the following list of things, how reliable do you think they are as a source of truth for the things that matter most in the world? (You can give each up to 5 stars!)

NEWS REPORTS	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	THE BIBLE	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
OUR FRIENDS	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	OTHER BOOKS	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
SOCIAL MEDIA	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	CHRISTIANS	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
FAMILY MEMBERS	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	TV SHOWS	★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Now look at that same list again. How much time did you spend last week listening to all these different things? Do you want to make any changes this coming week?

CHILDREN & FAMILY RESOURCES



These have been put together by Shona. They are a great resource for families to use together, either on Sunday or throughout the week!

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1 Timothy 3:14-16 (NCV)

¹⁴ Although I hope I can come to you soon, I am writing these things to you now.

¹⁵ Then, even if I am delayed, you will know how to live in the family of God. That family is the church of the living God, the support and foundation of the truth.

¹⁶ Without doubt, the secret of our life of worship is great: He was shown to us in a human body, proved right in spirit, and seen by angels. He was preached to those who are not Jews, believed in by the world, and taken up in glory.

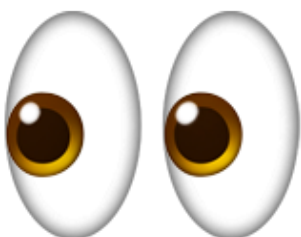
Quick Game:

- Write your names on a piece of paper, fold them up and put them into a bowl. (If there are only 2 of you, think of some names of people you would both know, these could be celebrities or other family members!)
- Taking turns, pull them out of the bowl. Act like the person on the piece of paper so the others can guess who you're being!
- Once you have done these things, ask yourself this question. How did I know that they were pretending to be that person?

We're looking at being promoters of Jesus. What are some of your favourite things about Jesus, how would you describe him?

Jesus is...

Thinking about the things that you love about Jesus, how can you promote Jesus in the way you/our family...



See others...?

Serve others...?



Speak to and about others...?

Start with Jesus

Jesus should always be our starting point. This means He is the foundation of our lives.

When we spend lots of time with some one we often start to pick up little things that they do and start to do them ourselves. Have you ever had a moment when someone has said 'You sound just like When you do that' or "That's something Would do!"

When we spend time with Jesus and He becomes the foundation that we build our lives upon, our lives and our actions point people towards Him.

As a family, think about how this week you can promote Jesus.

1. Pray that Jesus will show you how your actions can point others towards Him. Spend some time listening to him.
2. Write yourself 5 post it note goals and stick them around your house as a reminder of things you can do to promote Jesus
3. Plan some time into everyday to spend with Jesus, making sure that you are spending time with Him and making Him your starting point!

Can you help?

Because of the Coronavirus, there are some people that aren't able to see their family or friends for a while so that they can stay safe.

However, one way we can promote Jesus to them is by showing them kindness. Why not spend some time writing a letter or drawing a picture for the residents at Woodland Manor or Rock House? You can send it to

If you want to: you could write your address in there too so they can write back.

Woodland Manor

Micholls Avenue
Chalfont St Peter
Buckinghamshire
SL9 0EB

Rock House

Austenwood Lane,
Chalfont St Peter
SL9 9DF

Worship Song

Listen to '[Living Hope](#)' by [Phil Wickham](#) on YouTube. This song reminds you what Jesus has done for us, that Jesus is the 'Living Hope' and that others need to know that too!

YOUTH RESOURCES

These are resources from Natalie, designed to give young people something to think about and something to do.

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Read & Discuss: 1 Timothy 3:14-16

In this first passage we see Paul writing to Timothy about the importance of how we conduct ourselves. What do you think Paul is meaning in v14-15 when he says 'how people ought to conduct themselves' and why is that important?

In v16 Paul is talking about Jesus' life. How would we like to be remembered? Are there any particular qualities you would like people to remember?

Read 1 Timothy 6:17-19

Paul talks in v17 about not putting our hope in wealth or material things, but putting our hope in someone completely certain: God. God who provides for each of our needs. What might we be putting our hope in instead of God during this new season? Is there anything we can think of? What can we do to have that hope in God alone?

In v18 Paul encourages us to be generous people and to share what we have! In what ways can you think of that we can do that right now?

A practical response!

Here are a bunch of things you could do practically this week in light of all this:

- Write a letter to encourage your friends, or send them a text to ask how they are. Or if you can think of someone who might be struggling, why don't you do the same for them? It might be writing a letter or an email to a grandparent.
- Do we sometimes have conversations with friends and hear they are going through a tough time, but don't say we will pray for them? Is that possible next time we hear a friend going through a hard time to offer to pray, or tell them we will pray for them? What might have stopped you doing this? Or have you done this? How did it go?
- How can we be generous right now? Can you show someone you have time for them? Want to paint something for someone/make something? Can we drop some chocolate/sweets round to our neighbour with a little note on it? Being generous shows God's love, maybe you want to do something as a family.
- Listen to these songs on YouTube: '[Who he says I am](#)' & '[What a Beautiful Name](#)' ([Hillsong Worship](#)). God loves us so much, and wants people to know him- listen to these songs and maybe you might want to share this song with a friend.

During the coming weeks, as a church we are gathering lots of resources (like this pack!), materials and links together in one place. It is all at goldhill.org/churchwhereyouare