

## Tuesday Evening Sermon at Brightons Parish Church **Digging Deeper with God – Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2020**

Further reflections on tonight's sermon for personal, group or family devotion. Read the Scriptures again slowly in a quiet space and notice which verse(s) God is especially highlighting to you:

### **Psalm 130**

Write the verse down and invite God in prayer to tell you why this verse is significant to you. Remember God speaks today!

Here are some questions to think through in addition to what might have struck you already:

- Describe examples, or personal experiences, of seeing 'sins' (*avon*), 'full redemption', 'waiting' and God's 'unfailing love'.
- Is there one of these words that you struggle most with?
- Do you think wider culture sees God as 'bent towards us in grace and mercy'? Do you? What other verses might back up this claim?
- What do you make of Yaconelli's claim that we become deaf to God's voice? Could this be a way of connecting with our culture? Why or why not?
- Do you think the 'critical issue today is dullness'? Does the Church portray the Good News as life changing or life enhancing? Are we amazing and astonished?
- What's your initial gut reaction to the Strategy Group proposing a possible purpose as 'to invite, encourage and enable people to be disciples of Jesus Christ'? Will you get involved in the Focus Groups?
- Spend a little time talking to God in prayer. Here's something to get you started or to round off your time:

My God and heavenly Father, I worship You as the One  
With whom is forgiveness, unfailing love and full redemption.

Thank You for paying the price for me, to secure this for me.

I take a moment to confess any known sin to You (*name them...*)

O my God, give me Your Spirit that I might put tonight's message in  
practice, in particular the issue around... (*name a key point for you*)

Heavenly Father, I also bring before You the concerns that are most  
upon my heart tonight (*name them...*)

Hear my prayer, Lord God, for I ask this in Jesus' name, Amen.