



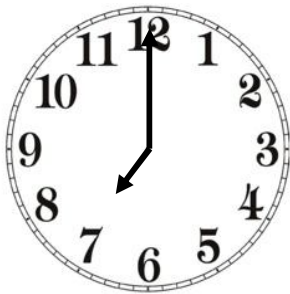
Week beginning  
1st Feb 2010



# the gift of time

Welcome

What is your most embarrassing  
'arriving late to a meeting'  
incident?



**Paul tells the Corinthians 'Whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.'** (1 Cor 10v31) In all areas, and times of life we are to live for the glory of God. In pairs, using the clock as a prompt walk you way through a typical day starting with getting up and ending with going to bed. What does it mean to do all you do for his glory. Pray for each other that he will be worshipped as you.....

Worship

Word

Ecclesiastes 3:1-15 show that God is in control of time (both because he created all things, and he cares about the smallest things).

- Read 3v1-8. What things strike you, surprise you or confuse you from these verses. Discuss your 'reactions' to v1-8, and to the God in control of all time. (this question might feel a little vague—but give it a go and see where it leads!)
- Read v9-13. What principles for life spring from these verses? What does it mean that God has 'planted eternity in the human heart'?
- Does v12 sound 'Christian' to you? Why is it a thoroughly godly way to live our lives?
- In v14-15 Solomon makes clear that the purpose of 'time' is that we should fear ('reverence' or 'worship') God. All of life is about his glory. What area of life do you most struggle to think about in these terms? Why and how can you change that?

David Sinclair, a student from Moorland College will be coming to Bethany City Church for a 5 week placement from Feb 14th-March 19th. He, with a few others, will be running a course called 'Money Sense' and also a 'find out about Christianity' course at NRDC (where we recently held 3rd Sunday). Please pray for David, and for the ministry he will be involved with. Pray also for volunteers to help him with these courses. Could it be you?

Witness