**20 For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities - his eternal power and divine nature - have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse. Romans 1:20 NIV**

**Key Truth/Principle:** Dust reminds us how FRAGILE we are and yet how we are FORMED in the image of God. We

**Key Verse(s):** 7 Then the Lord God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. Genesis 2:7 NIV

**Suggested format:** Social time/ice-breaker, Word, worship with communion and prayer

**Key Point(s)**

* Death: To dust we shall return
* Dignity: We are god-breathed
* Destiny: There will one day be no dust of decay

**\*\* TOP TIPS \*\***

**Remember people are indwelt with the spirit – expect them to have something to bring – most just need permission and clarity, and yearn for depth.**

* **WELCOME:** Have fun, involve everyone, keep it moving
* **WORSHIP:** Deliberately LEAD people into stepping out – most people appreciate specific guidance and feel released to know how to participate (e.g. let’s read a Psalm together and use the words to help us worship, let’s listen to this song, let’s sing now, let’s have a time of prophecy and hearing from God, if you feel you want to start a song please do). Encourage gifts!
* **PRAYER:** Weave into all you do, respond to things as they come up and help people by being specific (e.g. let’s all go round and pray shorts prayers thanking God for a particular characteristic
* **WORD**: Some folks would not have been there on Sunday – don’t; worry too much about recapping, just dive into questions. Splitting people into pairs/small groups with specific question and a time frame usually brings out the best discussion and involvement of everyone.

**KEY QUESTIONS**

1. What struck you during the sermon?
2. Do you fear death? How does the Bible cause us to think about death?
3. What effects does being made in the image of God have on your personal dignity/view of self?
4. Consider God’s grace – he knows we are dust (humility – God knows we are flimsy!) and yet he has breathed life into us (dignity and destiny - God has a purpose for us).
5. How can you, this week and as a habit, let dust/soil lead you to worship and wonder?