



**Sermon Notes**

**Term** – Summer Term

**Series** – Identity

**Gathering & Date** – 13<sup>th</sup> May 2018

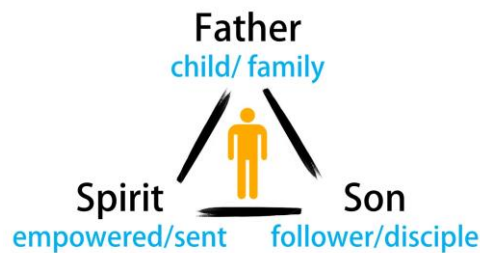
**Title** – Run the Race

**Preacher** –Neil Shepherd

**Reading** – Hebrews 12: 1-3 and 1 Corinthians 12: 14-18

**Main message of this talk in one sentence** – Don't allow comparison with others to stop us running the race

**Main points** – Our identity is defined by the trinity



Hebrew 12 reminds us that we are to run the race marked out for us. This race is different for each of us. We were reminded that preparation for different races; a spirit, a marathon etc, can take different forms.

‘Let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles...’ In this talk we focused on one aspect of sin that hinders – comparison

Comparison affects our ability to run the race as we look at others and it distracts us from our race

We can overcome comparison by ‘fixing our eyes on Jesus’ and building a network of people around us who will encourage us in our daily walk with God

**For further thought and prayer** –

1. What has God been saying to you throughout this series so far?
2. Which aspects of the identity triangle resonant with you? Which ones are a surprise to you?
3. How would you best describe the race that God has marked out for you?
4. How does the passage from 1 Corinthians 12 encourage you?
5. How does comparison affect life?
6. Take time to listen to God for each other? Ask God for specific words that speak into our individual race
7. Who are the people that are part of our ‘crowd of great witnesses’ that encourage us in our daily walk with God