



WARM UP: What kind of musical chairs player are you? (e.g. nervous, intense, sneaky, aggressive, timid, loser, winner)

1. On Sunday, Andrew talked about how the four elements present in musical chairs are also the four elements we experience in life: **survival**, **competition**, and helping others on the basis of **biology** and **affinity**. To what extent do these four elements characterise your own experience of life?

2. Read Luke 9:23-24, 9:57-58, 14:25-26 and 18:18-22. Why does Jesus confront, rather than comfort, the survival instinct in his followers? If Jesus was talking to you, what might he identify that you are clinging on to for survival, rather than fully trusting in him?

3. Read Luke 12:22-34. When we truly die in Christ and find new life in him, we are freed from needing to live according to survival and competition. Are you experiencing this freedom? Are you able to look out for the needs of others and respond with compassion?

4. Throughout the NT (e.g. Matt 5:43-48, Luke 14:12-14) we are challenged to look beyond the needs of our biological families and the people we like, and to meet the needs of our spiritual family (the church), the poor, the outcast and even our enemies. Are you?

HANDOUT: Prayerfully fill out the three columns of the handout, using the questions on the back to stimulate your thinking.

PRAY: That the words of Acts 4 ("And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all that there were no needy persons among them.") would be true of us at CBC, for the glory of God.