

# School Assembly:

## Who's the real winner? | Psalm 103:15-16

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### AIM

To ask what it means to be a winner in life and to present the claim of the Christian faith that to be a winner in life is to trust in Jesus.

### LENGTH

Approximately 8-10mins.

## ASSEMBLY OUTLINE:

Introduction	Notes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Who do you think is going to win the 2018 World Cup?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ask this question to the young people</li> <li>• Give some suggestions and then take a vote by asking for a show of hands</li> <li>• Possible suggestions include: Brazil, Germany, Spain, France, Argentina, England, Other</li> </ul>
Section 1	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At the end of the World Cup it will be easy to see who the winners are               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The team holding the World Cup trophy</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Generally, in sport it's easy to see who the winners are               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Quickest</li> <li>○ Furthest</li> <li>○ Highest</li> <li>○ Most points</li> </ul> </li> <li>• What about life – who are the real winners in life?</li> <li>• The world says:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Build a successful career</li> <li>○ Have financial security</li> <li>○ Live a healthy life</li> <li>○ Raise a loving family</li> </ul> </li> <li>• These are all good things, but do they define what it means to be a winner in life?</li> </ul>	
Section 2	Notes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What does Christianity say about winning in life?               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ To be a winner in life is to trust in Jesus</li> </ul> </li> <li>• When I mention the name Jesus – what is your reaction?               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Outdated</li> <li>○ Irrelevant</li> <li>○ Don't care</li> </ul> </li> <li>• It really does matter what you make of Jesus</li> <li>• Let me show you why?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Read Psalm 103:15-16 (NIV)</li> <li><sup>15</sup> The life of mortals is like grass,</li> <li>they flourish like a flower of the field;</li> <li><sup>16</sup> the wind blows over it and it is gone,</li> <li>and its place remembers it no more.</li> </ul>

### Section 3

#### 1. v15 – Life is Precious

- Like the grass and the flowers of the field, our lives can quickly be filled with many precious things:
  - Success
  - Money
  - Health
  - Family

#### 2. v16 – Life is Fragile

- But as quickly as these precious things appear, the wind blows, and they are gone
- The things that the world says makes you a winner don't last
- More importantly, the most precious thing in life, life itself, will one day come to an end
- When we cross the finish line of this life we will stand before the God who made us, and we will be held accountable for the way we have lived our lives
- Without Jesus we're in a bad place because we haven't treated God very well
- Which is why Jesus matters so much

#### 3. Jesus became a loser so that we might become a winner

- The Son of God left heaven and walked on this earth as a man
- He died on the cross to take the punishment we deserve and to offer us the gift of eternal life
- What does it mean to be a real winner in life? – To trust in Jesus and receive the gift of eternal life

### Conclusion

- Christianity says to be a winner in life is to trust in Jesus
- If this is true, then what you make of Jesus really matters
- The question is – what do you believe?