

## Same same but different

Talk about how fashions have changed over time – some of the things we wore in the 80's etc we wouldn't be seen dead in now...what current trends will you look back on and go what was I thinking!? In the same way the way we express our faith and what is important to us has changed over time often reflecting the culture of the day – take the pop sensations Sonseed for example – have a [listen to this](#):



Actually I'm not sure how popular they were in the 70's either but it's hard to imagine this kind of performance making it on to the Top of the Pops today!

Over time our tastes change, new fashions and new sounds emerge. Take for instance death metal – I'm not sure if any of you are into that sound. It certainly is a little different from what we just heard but I wonder do some things stay the same?

Have a look at this [death metal group](#):

Different sound – same lyrics! There are some great songs out there today that help to express how we feel about something whether it be life or faith – songs like.....

Music is important to us as a means of expressing our values and our stories and over time the way we do that changes doesn't it to reflect the culture we are a part of and that is good – new insights are discovered, sometimes like in the case of Gotye's song (Somebody That I Used to Know)...a whole new way of expressing a sound emerges...

But what doesn't change? What stays the same across the generations?

The God who is, who was, and who is to come. The heart of the Gospel story...the challenge to live for others not just to look after our own interests...we might sing it a little differently in order to express these values and beliefs but at the heart of it much is the same...

Relate to school life – what has changed since 60's, 70's ...give some examples perhaps show some photos etc...

What has stayed the same? Respect, service, the place of faith in the midst of what we do etc....

Same same but different...or as Solomon put it there is nothing new under the sun... tell story of Solomon and all he gained and the realisation he came to about what was most important in life – asking for wisdom instead of wealth...???