

-ONE LOVE – ONE PURPOSE

EVERYTHING & EVERYONE BROUGHT TOGETHER AT THE CROSS

#What's love got to do with it?

“It's not what you harvest – it's what you leave behind”

In our penultimate week on the first part of our series will be looking at LOVING YOUR NEIGHBOUR. We have all had experiences with neighbours in the sense of where we have lived perhaps but of course the biblical meaning and Jesus' reference to neighbour extends far beyond what we might understand it to be.

Loving others that we are comfortable with loving is easy – but what about when we are challenged to love those we don't like very much or those who are different from us. This is where it can become very difficult and uncomfortable. Of course Jesus always provides a way that makes it possible and this is love in mercy. Love in scripture is an action word – and so often we get stuck in the emotions and feelings of love but Jesus shows us that to love others is to show it in action – especially when we know love or mercy is not deserved. Pretty much like each one of us – mercy was not deserved but yet it was freely given to us in Christ.

“Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful” – Luke 6:36

REFLECTION

1. In what ways do you think experiences/relationships/beliefs influence your understanding of love?
2. In what ways has the biblical meaning of love, helped you to understand your life and also loving others?
3. What could be the challenges that you face personally when challenged to love others different from you?
4. What has been your experience of loving others beyond your comfort zone?
5. Why do you think Christ challenges us to go beyond what we know and understand?

Prayers

- For church members who are unwell and/or who can no longer attend.
- For the Lunch Club and all who attend
- For Sarah, Sarah and their families
- For CGL and the continued growth & positive influence in the community
- For opportunities to share the gospel in our community and home lives
- For Amy, Ben and their families
- For open doors/opportunities to build relationships with our community and other local churches/organisations
- For Merkel and Charles
- For the governmental challenges and Brexit negotiations at this time
- For 3 people you know or know of that need to come to know the Lord
- For Manchester and London, it's people and those in mourning
- For peace in our world
- For our emergency services
- For our church
- For the homeless

Today's Service

- Bible Reading

Matthew 22:37-40

- **Songs**

- ❖ Lord reign in me
- ❖ More love, more power
- ❖ Only by grace
- ❖ Be Thou my vision
- ❖ Lead me to the cross

Notices

Sunday 6th August 2017

- Next Lunch club will be on **14th August**
- Please continue to support our emergency food parcel cupboard by bringing in some things off the list in the foyer when you can
- Thursday morning prayer meeting **9.30am – 10.30am** (1st Thursday of the month)
- Pickleball every Monday **@7.00PM (term times only)**
- Wednesday bible study every week term times **@7.30PM (term times only)**
- Church Away Day – **7 October 10.30AM – 4PM** – please let us know if you can attend and also any ideas/themes/speakers for the day
- There is a bookshelf in Wellsprings where the community can take/borrow books. If you have any that you can contribute - then please do bring them in.
- Next Deacons meeting: **5 September 2017 @7PM**
Next Strategy meeting – **10 October 2017 @ 7.30PM – Nicodemus presentation – open to all church members**
- Next Church Meeting – **22 October 2017**
- Harvest Fun Day – **Thursday 24 August – 11AM – 2PM**
- Kelly will be away from **14th – 20th August** – Helen will be the point of contact for any emergencies

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- **Flower Rota - 13 August – Helen**
 - **Bible Reading – 13 August – Kelly**

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