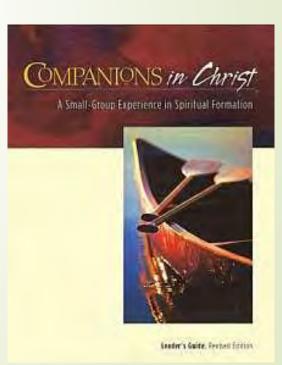


Disciple Course (Purple Book)

"Remembering who we are"





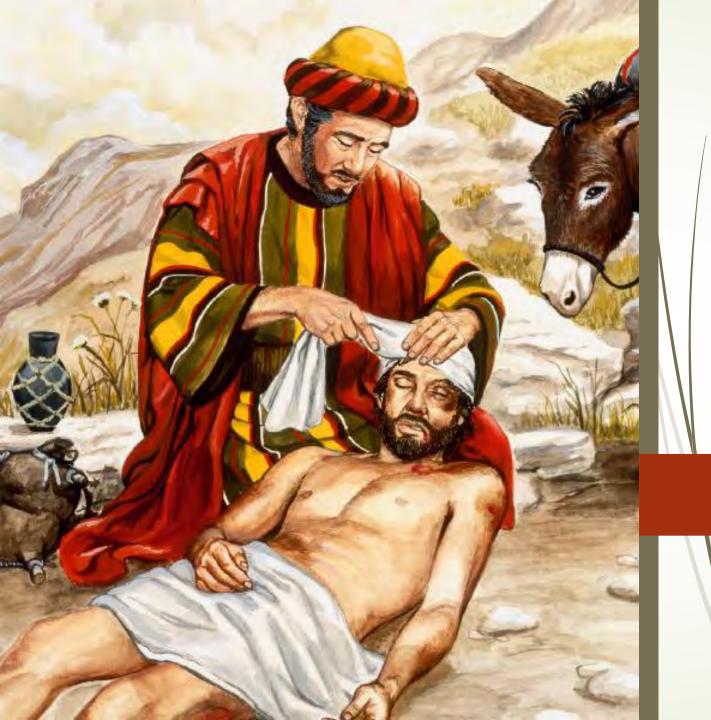
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SOCIAL HOLINESS

- the concept of Social Holiness is to discover the justice and compassion of God.
- We cannot close our eyes to the plight and needs of our neighbours and hope to have a meaningful relationship with God.
- We cannot rest in private heavens while there is suffering and need all around us.
- We can only rest when God brings His peace and welfare, His "Shalom" to the whole world in Christ.





PARABLE OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN

LUKE 10: 25-37

1. Don't ask: "Who is my neighbour".

Ask "Whose neighbour am I?"

LUKE 10: 29, 36

²⁹ But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

³⁶ "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"

- God has already placed people around us in our lives, people who need God's salvation, grace and mercy.
- These are the people whom we didn't choose to be around us.

Therefore, Don't ask: "Who is my neighbour".
Ask "Whose neighbour am !?"

People that God placed around me: "Am I their neighbour? Or are they just passers-by?"

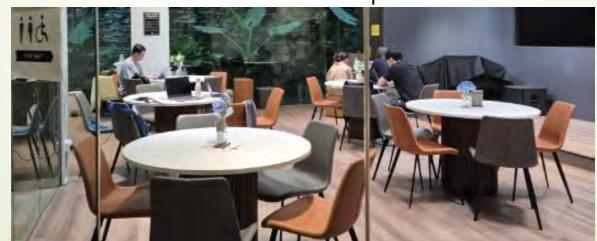


Project Bless (National Day & Deepavali)





Rest Stop



2. Mercy and Compassion is an act of loving our neighbours

LUKE 10: 25-28

- ²⁵ On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"
- 26 "What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?"
- ²⁷ He answered, "' 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"
- ²⁸ "You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live."

- DEUTERONOMY 6:5 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.
- Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone among your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD.
- ** LEVITICUS 19:33-34
 "When a foreigner resides among you in your land, do not mistreat them. The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native-born. Love them as yourself, for you were foreigners in Egypt. I am the LORD your God.

Parable of the Good Samaritan



- The priest and the Levite are supposed to know the Law well. But they did not practice what they learnt.
- This Samaritan probably doesn't know the Law as well as the rest.
- But he have a merciful and compassionate heart, enough to take action to serve this victim.

2. Mercy and Compassion is an act of loving our neighbours

We are all sinful people who receive mercy from our LORD.

We are redeemed from the wrath of sin and death is because of what Jesus Christ has done for us on the cross, an active action, so that God can extend His mercy to us.

And it is also because of what Jesus Christ has done for us on the cross that we can extend mercy to others.

3. Jesus tell us, "Go and do likewise."

PSALM 27:4

One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek Him in his temple.



LUKE 10: 27-28

The expert in the Law answered, ²⁷ ..., "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

28 "You have answered correctly," Jesus replied.

"Do this and you will live."

LUKE 10:37

The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him."

Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Jesus Christ has repeatedly reminded, and commanded us as disciples of Jesus Christ our LORD, to <u>live out</u> the merciful and compassionate heart.

EPHESIANS 2:8-9

⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith — and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God — ⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast."

- We are not saved by what we have done for Him but only by grace through faith.
- We cannot rely on what we have done for our salvation.

JAMES 2:26

As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.

- Our response to the Grace of God matters.
- Our response to the Grace of God reflects how much faith do we have in Him.



MATTHEW 25: 31-46

- One took action to serve the least of these brothers and sisters, without realizing that it is God's will.
- The other waited for the direction and will of God to be revealed to them, that they failed to serve the least of these brothers and sisters.
- In Matthew 25:40 it says, "40 "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

Christmas is Coming...

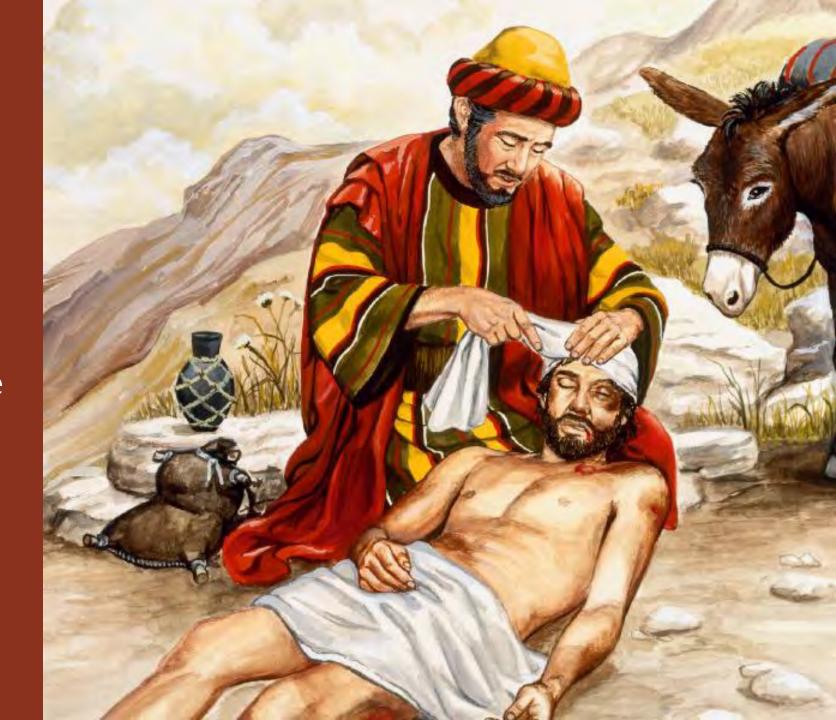




May the LORD help us to be true neighbours to the people around us,

To have a merciful and compassionate heart

To take action to love them as ourselves.



DISCUSSSION QUESTION

- Who are the people that God placed around us?
- Are we their neighbours, whom we have extend God's grace and mercy to them?
- What can we do to be their neighbour?