
HE CAME FOR US

2 CORINTHIANS 8:9

Lean In

1. When you hear people speaking about God as a Father who knows your name, how does that make you feel?

Look Down

Read 2 Corinthians 8:9;

2. What did Isaiah prophecy about the Messiah's anointed Ministry in Isaiah 61:1, later confirmed by Jesus Himself in Luke 4:18-22.
3. According to Micah 6:8, what is God's call to His children?
4. John, the disciple Jesus loved describes love in this way: 1 John 3:16-18. Discuss this love and how it is a hallmark of followers of Christ as a result of their salvation.
5. In Matt. 25:41-46 how did Jesus expound on what it means to have beliefs but not put them into action?
 - a. What particular inactions does He point to?
 - b. What is the result?
 - c. Why did Jesus equate failure to serve the needy to failure to serve Him?
 - d. What does it imply about the significance He places on each person, especially the needy?
6. Read Isaiah 58:1-12; why were the people's fasting and prayers, seeking God and His will not acceptable to Him (See verses 1-5)? What does He look for in His people and why is such conduct called 'fasting'? (See verses 6-8)? In verses 8-12, what promises of spiritual blessing does God give to those who are right in spirit towards Himself and others?
7. How does James define pure religion? James 1:27.
8. Read 2 Cor. 8:9. Why is our generosity, so closely connected to Jesus' grace towards us? Could you receive the latter without displaying the former?
9. How does Colossians 1:27 "Christ in you the hope of glory", bring hope to others whom you serve?

Look Out

10. Why is living a generous life, especially to the widows and orphans, so close to our Father's heart for us as His children?

Look In

11. Can you identify with the widows and orphans as someone who was vulnerable and needed to be rescued? How can you as a Life Group become a compassionate community? What in your personal life will prevent you from doing that this year?
12. Examine your life and ask God to show you an area of injustice, poverty, loneliness or need that He may have spoken to you about before but have done nothing about. Ask the Lord every day to show you where to start. If you don't know what to do, inform your group leader or a church leader. Pray for one another.
13. What are you going to do with what God has gifted you in service or resources?