

Week 30

Love

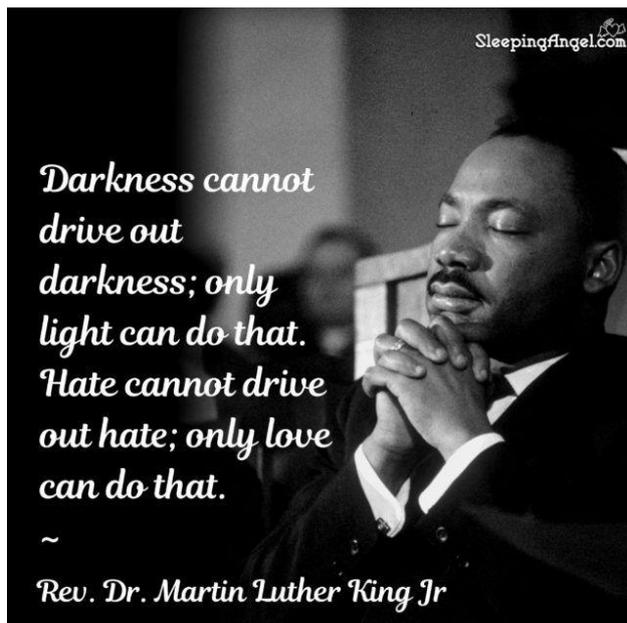
Christians believe that Love is the greatest thing they are called to. Jesus said, “Love the Lord your God and Love your Neighbour as yourself”. This means loving those who may be different to us, or more challenging to show love to. It may also involve a level of discomfort on our part.

BIBLE STORY OF THE WEEK: The Good Samaritan: Luke 10:25-37 & Mark 12: 28-31

“Of all the commandments, which is the most important?” “The most important one,” answered Jesus, “is this: ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ The second is this: ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.” But the expert in the law wanted to justify himself so he asked: ‘And who is my neighbour?’

YouTube clip - The Good Samaritan

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MLzdQtetedc>



What do you think is happening in this picture?



In today's Bible story, Jesus talks about the Good Samaritan – a stranger who helps an injured person, who would normally be considered his enemy. Read the passage together: Luke 10:25-37 or Mark 12: 28-31

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=luke+10%3A25-37&version=NIV>

Discuss

the different ways in which people respond to Sam depending on how he looks.

Who are we willing to give help to? Why might we not feel able to help others?

Look again at the picture.

Who else would you expect to help the injured man?

What might be their excuses for not doing so?

What happens next?

Share a real-life story that you know of, about a situation involving people in need, where help came from an unexpected person or group: perhaps something you have seen in the news.

Consider the idea that Christians believe that by loving their neighbour they are communicating the love of God to others.

PRAY: Lord God, thank you that you first love us. Help me to love you with all my heart, soul, mind, and strength. Help me to love others as you love me. Help me to communicate your love to others this week by my actions and my words. In Jesus' name, Amen.

“So, who then is my neighbour?”

Who do you think your neighbour is? Is there anyone whom you do not think counts as your ‘neighbour’? Are there people you find it more challenging to show love to? Why do you think that is? What could help you to overcome any barriers you have towards others?

