

Welcome to Bible Study 14 August 2022 – “SET FREE”

Welcome everyone to the Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

Opening Prayer Please pray together

Have mercy upon us, O God, according to your steadfast love.

According to your mercy, we ask to blot out our transgressions.

Wash us, cleanse us, and free us from our sins.

For we have sinned against you and against our neighbor.

We have been quick to pass judgment on others but slow to admit our own failings.

Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew our spirits that they may be upright and faithful,
Amen.

Q 1 Why do you think so many humans are so selfish?

What do you think causes it?

Worship

Choose some of your favourite hymns or choruses this week

Word; Psalm 103.1-8

¹ Praise the LORD, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

² Praise the LORD, my soul, and forget not all his benefits—

³ who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,

⁴ who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion,

⁵ who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

⁶ The LORD works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed.

⁷ He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel:

⁸ The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.

Luke 13.10-17

Jesus Heals a Crippled Woman on the Sabbath

¹⁰ On a Sabbath Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues, ¹¹ and a woman was there who had been crippled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not straighten up at all. ¹² When Jesus saw her, he called her forward and said to her, “Woman, you are set free from your infirmity.” ¹³ Then he put his hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and praised God.

¹⁴ Indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, the synagogue leader said to the people, “There are six days for work. So come and be healed on those days, not on the Sabbath.”

¹⁵ The Lord answered him, “You hypocrites! Doesn’t each of you on the Sabbath untie your ox or donkey from the stall and lead it out to give it water? ¹⁶ Then should not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has kept bound for eighteen long years, be set free on the Sabbath day from what bound her?”

¹⁷ When he said this, all his opponents were humiliated, but the people were delighted with all the wonderful things he was doing.

Q 2 Jesus often had to deal with incredible hypocrisy. Some were upset that Jesus healed a woman on the Sabbath but they happily cared for their animals. Please discuss

Q 3 Jesus saw what this woman needed and responded immediately showing us that following Jesus means being people of compassion and care.

Do you agree? Do you consider yourself to be as compassionate as Jesus?

Q 4 What do you think we might be missing, overlooked or ignored regarding the needs of others?

Works

What important, and not so important, needs can we respond to in our community this week?

Ending prayer Please pray together

Giver of every mercy, thank you for your providence and care in all that we do and all that we are. Carry us forth this day in your steadfast love. Lord God, in your mercy, hear our prayer, in the name of your son Jesus Christ who is our Lord and Saviour, Amen.

Shalom

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