

Welcome to Bible Study 28 August 2022 – “FINDING A PLACE FOR ALL”

Welcome everyone to the Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

Opening Prayer Please pray together

Lord, we have come this day to hear your words of healing love and hope. Enter our hearts and our spirits and teach us to follow you. Give us courage and strength to be your faithful disciples. Lord God, in your mercy, hear our prayer, in the name of your son Jesus Christ who is our Lord and Saviour, Amen.

Q 1 Have you ever given something without expecting anything in return?

Worship 🎵

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine

Amazing Grace 🎵

What a mighty God we serve

Word; Psalm 112

¹ Praise the LORD.

Blessed are those who fear the LORD, who find great delight in his commands.

² Their children will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

³ Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever.

⁴ Even in darkness light dawns for the upright,

for those who are gracious and compassionate and righteous.

⁵ Good will come to those who are generous and lend freely,

who conduct their affairs with justice.

⁶ Surely the righteous will never be shaken; they will be remembered forever.

⁷ They will have no fear of bad news; their hearts are steadfast, trusting in the LORD.

⁸ Their hearts are secure, they will have no fear;

in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.

⁹ They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor, their righteousness endures forever;

their horn will be lifted high in honour.

¹⁰ The wicked will see and be vexed,

they will gnash their teeth and waste away;

the longings of the wicked will come to nothing.

Word; Luke 14:1 & 7-14

One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, he was being carefully watched.

⁷ When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honour at the table, he told them this parable: ⁸ “When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honour, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited. ⁹ If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, ‘Give this person your seat.’ Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, ‘Friend, move up to a better place.’ Then you will be honoured in the presence of all the other guests. ¹¹ For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

¹² Then Jesus said to his host, “When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbours; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴ and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

Q 2 Being included was very important in Jesus’s time but he challenges us to be humble. Why do we see so little humility with many of our leaders around the World? Please discuss

Q 3 Jesus challenges us to include those that are excluded by society like the poor, crippled, lame and the blind. How can we do this more effectively?

Q 4 Jesus says our humility needs to include all, EVEN PEOPLE WE DON’T LIKE! Discuss this aspect.

Works

<https://www.myweeklypreview.com.au/news/a-haven-for-vulnerable-youth/>
NEWS HEADLINE - Youth facing homelessness on the Sunshine Coast will soon have access to a safe and supportive facility with an unused Church in Nambour to be repurposed into a shelter. See attached article.

Q 5 A church in Nambour will be opening its doors to young people from the street doing it tough. How can we support them and/or this idea?

Ending prayer Please pray together

Ever-present Spirit of God, you are all-powerful and yet so gentle as to be sensitive to where people are at in life. I ask you to continue working in my life and also use me to help you bring [insert a family or friend’s name here] closer to Jesus through my words and actions. Lord God, in your mercy, hear our prayer, in the name of your son Jesus Christ who is our Lord and Saviour, Amen.

Shalom, Rev Darren King (Ref Roots on the web, The Message)