

# Welcome to Bible Study – 11th June 2023

## LOVE IN ACTION

### Opening Prayer (please pray together)

O Lord, look down from the height of your holy throne upon your people who stand and await your abundant mercy. Please visit us with goodness and deliver us from the force of evil and preserve our life of faith in Jesus. May we ask to be gathered into your kingdom. We pray in the name of Jesus, Amen.

Welcome 🙏

### Q 1 What is your favourite love song/hymn?

What do you love about it?

### Worship 🎵

Amazing Grace

Let there be love shared among us

They will know we are Christians by our love

### Word: Psalm 50.7-15

<sup>7</sup> “Listen, my people, and I will speak; I will testify against you, Israel: I am God, your God.

<sup>8</sup> I bring no charges against you concerning your sacrifices or concerning your burnt offerings, which are ever before me.

<sup>9</sup> I have no need of a bull from your stall or of goats from your pens,

<sup>10</sup> for every animal of the forest is mine, and the cattle on a thousand hills.

<sup>11</sup> I know every bird in the mountains, and the insects in the fields are mine.

<sup>12</sup> If I were hungry I would not tell you, for the world is mine, and all that is in it.

<sup>13</sup> Do I eat the flesh of bulls or drink the blood of goats?

<sup>14</sup> “Sacrifice thank offerings to God, fulfill your vows to the Most High,

<sup>15</sup> and call on me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honour me.”

### Word: Matthew 9.9-13 & 18-26

### The Calling of Matthew

<sup>9</sup> As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector’s booth. “Follow me,” he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.

<sup>10</sup> While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew’s house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. <sup>11</sup> When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?”

<sup>12</sup> On hearing this, Jesus said, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. <sup>13</sup> But go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”

## **Jesus Raises a Dead Girl and Heals a Sick Woman**

<sup>18</sup> While he was saying this, a synagogue leader came and knelt before him and said, “My daughter has just died. But come and put your hand on her, and she will live.” <sup>19</sup> Jesus got up and went with him, and so did his disciples.

<sup>20</sup> Just then a woman who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak. <sup>21</sup> She said to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be healed.”

<sup>22</sup> Jesus turned and saw her. “Take heart, daughter,” he said, “your faith has healed you.” And the woman was healed at that moment.

<sup>23</sup> When Jesus entered the synagogue leader’s house and saw the noisy crowd and people playing pipes, <sup>24</sup> he said, “Go away. The girl is not dead but asleep.” But they laughed at him. <sup>25</sup> After the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took the girl by the hand, and she got up. <sup>26</sup> News of this spread through all that region.


**There are many stories of faith throughout the New Testament which are so important in our Christian lives. Are we just like the crowd who laugh when we don’t understand the power of God through Jesus. Every person needs to pray to God and have that purest of faith bestowed upon them when they ask, however we need to ask this from God in the name of Jesus Our Saviour.**

**Q 2 Jesus was often criticised for his association with ‘tax collectors and sinners.’ He responds by saying that he was sent to those who were ‘sick’. Please discuss**

**Q 3 Jesus said he wanted mercy and not sacrifice. What do you think he meant by that?**

**Q 4 Jesus healed so many people and yet they were still so reluctant to believe. Why do you think that was the case?**

### **Works**

What do you think “merciful living” means? How do we show Gods love , compassion and forgiveness to those around us?

### **Ending Prayer** (please pray together)

Loving God, we humbly thank you for life and health and safety, for freedom to work, leisure to rest, and for all that is beautiful in creation and in our lives. We praise you for our Saviour, Jesus Christ, for his resurrection; for the gift of your Spirit; and for the hope of sharing in your glory. Please fill our hearts with joy and peace in believing through Jesus Christ Our Lord and Saviour, Amen.

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