

TITLE AND NUMBER: 3. Loving Others



REFERENCE AND KEY VERSE(S): Matthew 25:31-40

Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit

What does this Bible passage tell us?

Have you ever wondered about the suffering in the world? These verses tell us just how much God loves us and how much He cares for all those who are hurting.

God loves everybody, in fact the whole world (John 3:16), and that love means that He wants us to open the door of our lives to Him and His ways. When we make that choice, it should determine our attitude and actions towards others, causing us to love them in practical ways.

Everything that we have is a gift from God and it is our privilege to be able to share it with those around us wherever we are. We all like to be loved, supported and encouraged in our lives, examples of what that can look like are listed in verses 37-40.

Let's take the opportunity to be a blessing to others, shown in the way we live. God sees what we do, how we behave and how we treat those around us.

God's love is available to all, we can share that love by the way we live and little actions can speak much louder than just words.

Jesus said: ***"I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."*** (verse 40)

The way we treat people who need our help is so important to God that He says it's like you are helping me when you do it and turning your backs on me when you don't!

Reflections:

- Why do you think that God takes loving other people so seriously?
- Ask God to help you share the love of Jesus with your loved ones and those around you by your day-to-day living.
- What could you do to help someone this week? Plan to do something about it!
- What difference would it make if you were to make showing God's love a way of life both in prison and in future in the wider world?

Write or draw something you read in this Bible Study that stood out to you.



Do you have any questions about this week's Bible Study?



How does this week's message apply to your life?



What can we learn about God from this week's passage?



What would you like to ask God this week?



What have you seen God do in response to your prayers this week?

