

NEXT STEP QUESTIONS

1. Spend seven minutes discussing this week's talk. What was something that stood out or challenged you?
2. Sometimes "needs" around us can be overwhelming. Read Acts 1:8. How can this verse encourage us?
3. Read Matthew 22:35-40. We are called to show love to others. Why?
4. Meeting the needs of others is one tangible way of living out the love to which we are called. This requires awareness on our part. What causes us to fail at this? On the other hand, what can help us succeed at having more awareness of needs in our sphere of influence?
5. How does meeting the needs of others serve as a "witness" to God? Should this be a public or private thing? Read Matthew 5:16 and then Matthew 6:1-4.
6. Sometimes meeting the needs of others can be tangible and practical. Other times, it may be as simple as our words. Read Ephesians 4:29.

Action Step:

Is there a situation or circumstance that you find yourself avoiding or unsure if you want to "wade into and help"? Pray for wisdom over that situation this week. Ask God to reveal and refine your motives. If there is not a specific situation that comes to mind, simply ask God to reveal and refine your motives. If there is not a specific situation that comes to mind, simply ask God to give you eyes to see the needs of others in your sphere of influence and mobilize you to action in God's love.



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Let everyone see that you are unselfish and considerate in all you do. Remember that the Lord is coming soon.

Philippians 4:5 TLB

Show Love

"So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything. When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death!'"

Luke 15:15-17 NIV

1. Stop, Look, _____

Do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.

Philippians 2:4 NASB

Looking at the man, Jesus felt genuine love for him.

Mark 10:21 NLT

Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry.

Jam es 1:19 NLT

Open our eyes to:

- a. People in _____
- b. Unmet _____

Each one of us needs to look after the good of the people around us, asking ourselves, "How can I help?" That's exactly what Jesus did. He didn't make it easy for himself by avoiding people's troubles, but waded right in and helped out.

Romans 15:2-3 MSG

- c. _____

God is our merciful Father and the source of all comfort. He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled,...

2 Corinthians 1:3-4 NLT

- d. Opportunities to _____

Share with any of God's holy people who are in need; look for opportunities to be hospitable.

Romans 12:13 NJB

- e. Respond with a blessing _____

Don't repay evil for evil. Don't retaliate with insults when people insult you. Instead, pay them back with a blessing. That is what God has called you to do, and he will grant you his blessing.

1 Peter 3:9 NLT

- 2. Look and Love, Not _____

Now the tax collectors and "sinners" were all gathering around to hear Jesus. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

Luke 15:1-2 NIV

Rescue others by snatching them from the flames of judgment. Show mercy to still others, but do so with great caution, hating the sins that contaminate their lives.

Jude 1:23 NLT

Most importantly, love each other deeply. Love has a way of not looking at others' sins.

1 Peter 4:8 ICB

- 3. Love locks our _____

Set a guard over my mouth, LORD; keep watch over the door of my lips.

Psalms 141:3 NIV

Do not use harmful words, but only helpful words, the kind that build up and provide what is needed, so that what you say will do good to those who hear you.

Ephesians 4:29 GNT

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding,

Ephesians 1:7-8 NIV

For God is not unjust. He will not forget how hard you have worked for him and how you have shown your love.

Hebrews 6:10 NLT