**The Disciple Series Week 5**

Welcome to the Disciple Series.

In week 1 we learnt that a disciple is Word-based.

In week 2 we learnt that a disciple is Prayer-filled.

In week 3 we learnt that a disciple isChrist-centered.

Last week we learnt that a disciple isSpirit-empowered.

This week we will learn that a disciple is Socially-responsible.

**Question:** What was the biggest need you ever had? How was that need met?

**Definition:** A discipled-person does good and shares with others.

**Bible Passage:** *“And don’t forget to do good and to share with those in need.”* (Hebrews 13:16)

**Small Group Question:** What does this verse say about how God wants you to think and live?

**Biblical Character:** Esther

**Video:** The Story of Esther. Get it on YouTube at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XZ0cTN84Tnw

Esther put the needs of others before her own.

Esther risked her life by approaching the king.

Esther spoke up about a need she saw.

Esther allowed God to use her to save her people.

**Question:** Are you Socially-responsible like Esther?

Maybe you are not there yet…

By the time you graduate from Encounter Youth you will know that God blesses you so you can bless others and that He calls you to be selfless and generous.

You will be able to identify people in need and help to meet their needs.

You will mobilise resources to show love to people.

“If a person has grasped grace they do justice. If they don't, they say they are grateful for God's grace, but in the heart they are far from him. Not caring for the poor reveals that at best one doesn't understand grace and at worst you may not have encountered Gods saving mercy.” (Tim Keller)

**Challenge:** Will you be Socially-responsible? Here are some steps to take:

**Step #1: Look for Needs:** When you are at school, look out for someone who is in need and help where you can.

**Step #2:** **Give Stuff Away:** Go through everything you own and identify stuff you can give away to the needy.

**Step #3:** **Practise One Anothering:** Obey the one another commands that are spread throughout the New Testament.

Here is a list of all the one another commands with the Scripture references:

Love one another: John 13:34-35

Serve one another: Galatians 5:13

Accept one another: Romans 15:7

Strengthen one another: Romans 14:19

Help one another: Hebrews 3:13; 10:24

Encourage one another: 1 Thessalonians 5:11

Care for one another: Galatians 6:2

Forgive one another: Ephesians 4:32

Submit to one another: Ephesians 5:21

Commit to one another: 1 John 3:16

Fellowship with one another: 1 John 1:7

Be devoted to one another: Romans 12:10

Be patient with one another: Ephesians 4:2

Be interested in one another: Philippians 2:4

Be accountable to one another: Ephesians 5:21

Confess to one another: James 5:16

Live in harmony with one another: Romans 12:16

Do not be conceited toward one another: Romans 13:8

Do not pass judgment on one another: Romans 14:13

Do not slander one another: James 4:11

Instruct one another: Romans 16:16

Greet one another: Romans 16:16

Admonish one another: Romans 5:14

Spur one another on toward love and good deeds: Hebrews 10:24

Meet with one another: Hebrews 10:25

Agree with one another: 1 Corinthians 16:20

Be concerned for one another: Hebrews 10:24

Be humble toward one another in love: Ephesians 4:2

Be compassionate toward one another: Ephesians 4:32

Do not be consumed by one another: Galatians 5:14-15

Do not anger one another: Galatians 5:26

Do not lie to one another: Colossians 3:9

Do not grumble toward one another: James 5:9

Give preference to one another: Romans 12:10

Be at peace with one another: Romans 12:18

Sing to one another: Ephesians 5:19

Be of the same mind to one another: Romans 12:16

Comfort one another: 1 Thessalonians 4:18

Be kind to one another: Ephesians 4:32

Live in peace with one another: 1 Thessalonians 5:13

Carry one another's burdens: Galatians 6:2

**Practise:** One Anothering. Each person gets a piece of paper with one of the One Anothering commands from the Bible printed on it. They have a minute to think about what they will do in response to the command. They are then given a few minutes to walk around the room and to do what the commands suggests to people in the room. Debrief: When time is up, ask the high schoolers what they think their world would be like if they practises those commands consistently.

**Your Response?** What will your response be to the message you have heard today? Will you work on becoming Socially-responsible?

**Prayer:** Let’s ask God to help us become Socially-responsible.

Next week we will learn that a disciple is Mission-minded.