

- 1. Which of these Christian Texts do you think are shown by the work of the social programme who have studied?
- 2. Use the texts to explain why you think they are putting into practice the teaching shown in the text
- 3. How can faith communities help their local communities?
- 4. Should they do this work? If so why in your opinion
- Story of the Sheep and goats

"When the Son of Man comes as King and all the angels with him, he will sit on his royal throne,² and the people of all the nations will be gathered before him. Then he will divide them into two groups, just as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the righteous people at his right and the others at his left. Then the King will say to the people on his right, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father! Come and possess the kingdom which has been prepared for you ever since the creation of the world. ³⁵ I was hungry and you fed me, thirsty and you gave me a drink; I was a stranger and you received me in your homes,⁶ naked and you clothed me; I was sick and you took care of me, in prison and you visited me.' The righteous will then answer him, 'When, Lord, did we ever see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you a drink? When did we ever see you a stranger and welcome you in our homes, or naked and clothe you? When did we ever see you sick or in prison, and visit you?' The King will reply, 'I tell you, whenever you did this for one of the least important of these followers of mine, you did it for me!'

Always treat others as you would like them to treat you.

Matthew 7:12

- Jesus' Good Samaritan parable -- Luke 10:25-37
- ³⁶ Jesus concluded, "In your opinion, which one of these three acted like a neighbour toward the man attacked by the robbers?"
- ³⁷ The teacher of the Law answered, "The one who was kind to him." Jesus replied, "You go, then, and do the same."
- A rich man asked Jesus what to do to get eternal life Jesus said to him, "If you want to be perfect, go and sell all you have and give the money to the poor, and you will have riches in heaven; then come and follow me.

Matthew 19:21

• In the letter of James we read:

"What God considers to be pure and genuine religion is this: to take care of orphans and widows in their suffering " James 1:27



- In the Early Christian Community we read: The angel said to Cornelius: "God is pleased with your prayers and works of charity, and is ready to answer you."

 Acts 10:4
- More advice from the letter of James
 Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them,
 'Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,' but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it?" James 2:15-16
- In the letter of John we read:

"If we are rich and see others in need, yet close our hearts against them, how can we claim that we love God? ¹⁸ My children, our love should not be just words and talk; it must be true love, which shows itself in action. 1 John 3:17-18

- Jesus taught how to build up treasures in heaven
 Sell all your belongings and give the money to the poor. Provide for yourselves purses that don't wear out, and save your riches in heaven, where they will never decrease, because no thief can get to them, and no moth can destroy them.
- How someone lived in the Early Christian Community
 "In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (which, when translated, is Dorcas), who was always doing good and helping the poor." Acts 9:36
- Details are recorded of how the Early Christian community lived:
 All the believers continued together in close fellowship and shared their belongings with one another. ⁴⁵ They would sell their property and possessions, and distribute the money among all, according to what each one needed.

 Acts 2:42-45;