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Richard

Lord's Supper:

Simon

Song Leader:

Raymond

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Discussion Group:

Warwick

Greeter:

Sinai

Morning Tea:

Barry & Judith

Counting

Contribution:

Richard

### NEXT WEEK

27 September 2020

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Ken

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Peter

Song Leader:

Les

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Discussion Group:

Titus

Greeter:

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Richard & Kathy

Counting

Contribution:

Kathy

## ALL PEOPLE REALLY MATTER.

With Jesus people are number one. For genuine followers of Jesus, people become top priority as well, regardless of background. Some people can rub you the wrong way, difficult individuals whom I used to refer to as "Social Sandpaper" people. We all need to understand that we could be that type of person, we can all be abrasive at times and some live that way day in and day out, at any age. At a third grade Sunday school, the children were being taught the Ten Commandments. The previous week they had learned to honor their mother and father. The teacher asked, "Can anyone tell me if there is one that refers to brothers and sisters?" A little girl's hand immediately shot up "Yes there is a commandment about brothers, the one that says, "Thou shall not kill". Since George Floyd died in America, the daily news has been full of claims and counter claims during rallies worldwide; holding up placards "Black people Matter" countered by "White people Matter". All of a sudden it seems the whole world cares about people – *as long as you belong to the right race!* The Bible makes no such distinction because **Galatians 3:26-28** offers the solution. "*You are all Sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female for you are all one in Christ Jesus.*" The key to loving people is learning to love God because He first loved us (**1 John 4:19**). When we come to Christ, we do not judge men in a carnal, earthly way according to appearances, human credentials or national origin, **2 Corinthians 5:16** tells us "*From now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view*", (as we once did). In **verse 14** since the resurrection, the love of Christ **compels** us to love people, especially the unwanted. An artist came to the same spot every day, his passion was painting human faces. Each face told many different stories, some filled with joy, others with pain and sadness. One day a homeless man sitting across the path caught the artist's eye who resolved to paint the man as he imagined *he could be*. The final stroke revealed the man with a broad smile. The artist called the man over, "Is that me?" he asked. "Yes; that is the 'you' I see" replied the artist. After a brief tearful silence, the man declared, "If that's the man you see in me, then that's the man I'm going to be". That is how Jesus changes people. "*Man looks at the outward appearance but the Lord looks at the heart*" (**1 Samuel 16:7**). When Jesus met the Samaritan woman at the well, in John 4, to us; everything seemed to count against her but that isn't the way Jesus sees people. How can we connect with people if we step around "social sandpaper" people? Jesus sees the potential in people and He 'sands' the rough edges off us until we mature. By asking for a cup of water, Jesus was saying, "I love all people - your race, your religion, your gender, your past doesn't matter to me because you are a highly valued person needing salvation". When unwanted people meet Jesus, they want to tell the whole world, - "*Do not forget to entertain strangers for by so doing, some people have entertained angels without knowing it*" (**Hebrews 13:2**). All people really do matter to Jesus and His followers. John Shepherd

## Let Us Pray For:



- Those with health issues: Izaak, Moira, Michael, Sally, Marie, Rosalie, Les, , Judith Bing and Judy Bannister .
- Personal growth and outreach opportunities.
- The men as they lead the body.
- Our Missionary workers in Fiji and Vanuatu.
- The Coronavirus (COVID 19) as it spreads around the world. NZ has community spread cases once more. May we be as successful as last time at getting it under control.
- Those who are alone and are struggling, May we all reach out to them through prayer as well as the phone and internet and visiting.
- The elections are coming up in October, may the people of New Zealand make the right choice when they are casting their vote.
- 2020 will bring the truth to all those searching and even those who are not aware.

**Believe** that God loves us. "But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

**Believe** that God gave His Son for us. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

**Believe** that Christ died for our sins. "Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures" (1 Corinthians 15:3).

**Believe** that Christ bore our sins on the cross. "Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed" (1 Peter 2:24).

**Believe** that Christ rose from among the dead. "He was buried, and ... rose again the third day according to the Scriptures" (1 Corinthians 15:4).

**Believe** that the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses from all sin. "The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin" (1 John 1:7). "Without shedding of blood is no remission" (Hebrews 9:22).

**Believe** that "Ye must be born again" (John 3:7). "Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God" (John 3:3).

**Believe** that faith in Christ gives eternal life. "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth My Word, and believeth on Him that sent Me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life" (John 5:24).

**Believe** that all who reject Christ and His atoning

## FAMILY NEWS

Welcome to our worship this morning. Especially Warwick. Warwick bringing us the lesson and discussion today.

**Daylight saving begins on 27<sup>th</sup> September, Remember to put your clocks forward 1 hour before going to bed on Saturday night (26<sup>th</sup>)**



## A minute with GOD

I spent a minute and hope you will too.

### I LOVE THE OPENING SENTENCE:

With what is going on in the world these days, Heaven could end up a ghost town?

My name is God. You hardly have time for Me. I love you and will always bless you.

I am always with you. I need you to spend 60 seconds of your time with Me today.

Don't pray, just praise. Today, I want this message to go around the world before midnight.

Will you help? Please do not delete it, and I'll help you with something you are in need; even if just quiet time.

Just dare Me! A blessing is coming your way. Please drop everything and pass it on.

Why are prayers getting shorter, but bars and clubs are enlarging and expanding?

Why is it so easy to worship a celebrity, but very difficult to walk with Me?

Think about it, will you offer a prayer just now, or are you going to ignore doing so, because you don't have time for Me?

## Meeting times.

**Prayers:** All the time,

**Morning Tea:** Sunday, 10am

**Worship:** Sunday – 10.30am

-- 4pm

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into growing,  
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