



BELIEFS IN ACTION: WHY IS SOCIAL JUSTICE SO IMPORTANT TO CHRISTIANS?

RE:quest is full of amazing resources which will help you get a better understanding of Christianity. This project will look at how Christian beliefs affect their actions. The Bible is a source of wisdom and authority for Christians. We will look at social justice by taking a close look at what the Bible says on the subject.

Use the 'Christian Beliefs in Action' PDF and complete the tasks set on this document to help you record your research and responses.

STARTER: Somebody Else's Shoes

Look at the photo and complete the tasks here:

My list of words:

An innocent man in prison:

Religious person not allowed to practice faith:

A slave:

UNPACKING SOCIAL JUSTICE: After reading the slides and the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights Act, complete the tasks here:

In your own words explain:

Justice

Social Justice

Human Rights

Injustice

What is the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights Act?

Which of these human rights do you think are the most important? Pick 5 and explain why you chose them:

READ THE PARABLE OF THE SHEEP AND THE GOATS BELOW:

When the Son of Man comes as King and all the angels with him, he will sit on his royal throne, 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 (sheep) and the others at his left (goats). 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. 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, 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!'

"Then he will say to those on his left, 'Away from me, you that are under God's curse! Away to the eternal fire which has been prepared for the Devil and his angels! I was hungry but you would not feed me, thirsty but you would not give me a drink; I was a stranger but you would not welcome me in your homes, naked but you would not clothe me; I was sick and in prison but you would not take care of me.' Then they will answer him, 'When, Lord, did we ever see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and we would not help you?' The King will reply, 'I tell you, whenever you refused to help one of these least important ones, you refused to help me.' These, then, will be sent off to eternal punishment, but the righteous will go to eternal life."

What did the people do that Jesus said was 'righteous'?

What did the others do, that put them 'under God's curse'?

Use the grid below to help analyse this parable:

| PEOPLE ON THE RIGHT, THE SHEEP: | PEOPLE ON THE LEFT, THE GOATS: |
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According to the parable, what are the consequences of not helping people?

How might the Parable of the Sheep and the Goats affect a Christian's choices and actions? Why?

BELIEF IN ACTION:

Read the slides and click on the links provided to the information and websites of each of the charities.

Complete this grid as you go along:

| NAME OF CHARITY: | WHAT SOCIAL INJUSTICE ARE THEY FIGHTING? | 5 THINGS THEY ARE DOING: |
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Which charity did you rate the most?

Tearfund | Hope for Justice | The Wild Goose Café | Compassion International | Traidcraft

Choose one of these for the next task and explain why you've chosen it in the box below:

Create a social media advert to promote the work of one of these Christian charities.

Success criteria:

- To do this well you should include:
- the Christian basis of the charity – why it was set up
- at least 3 things the charity does
- at least one image
- a catchy slogan
- a persuasive call for funding

You can do the work on paper or complete it in the box below:

'I tell you, whenever you did this for one of the least important of these followers of mine, you did it for me!' Matthew 25:40

What does this quote mean?

How does it connect to Christian charity work?

PLENARY: 3-3-1

Write 3 sentences which summarising today's topic

Reduce that to 3 words

Finally, reduce to 1 word

EXTENSION ACTIVITY: Charity 'Cake' Recipe

What goes into creating a charity? Show you understand by creating a charity 'cake'.

NB this is not an actual cake, it's a way to show your understanding about how a charity is created.

Recipe:

Ingredients - What do you need to put in the mix? Compassion? Love?

Method - How are you going to create it? How does someone set up a charity?

How long will it take to 'cook'?

Have a look at the last page on the PDF - it will show you how to lay out a recipe.