

Thought for the day – Thursday 18th August 2022

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Servant Discipleship

Thanks for all those who made last Sundays “bring and share” a success. Thank God it went very well, please let’s have another one.

Matthew 12. 14 – 21, explains that Jesus’ refusal to engage in religious power politics by showing he is fulfilling Isaiah’s prophecies of a suffering Servant of God; he would be beloved of God, filled with his Spirit and dedicated to establishing God’s kingdom of righteousness. Jesus would accomplish this not by force but by humility, gentleness, love of the afflicted and faithful proclamation of the truth.

These prophecies help us to understand that Jesus; we see that God’s ways are not our ways. Jesus, though divine, chose to win our hearts by loving service. Day in day out he puts himself at the service of others. Jesus when he was here healed the sick, he taught the crowds the truth that would set them free. Jesus always made time to love, console and forgive. In the end Jesus died for all of us, so that we might be forgiven and receive a new life. This love has the power to become God’s children. This love equally has the power to overcome all the evil forces of the world.

Jesus thought his disciples to follow his footsteps, whoever that would be great among us, must be our servant, and whoever must be first must be slave to all. For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve. Mark 10. 43 – 45. We should encourage our Lord Jesus to come into our lives in prayer, reading the scriptures and partaking in Eucharist. We need God’s love to set us free to be able to love others and express this love in humble service to others.

Prayer:

Lord Jesus, we thank you for the countless times you have served, encouraged, and supported us. Please help us to have the same mind of loving service to you, so that God’s kingdom will grow. AMEN.