

11th March 2021 Session 3- Plan

Introduction

Quick reflection on last week- any further thoughts or observations

Collect for the third week of Lent

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Pre Video Questions- in breakout groups

- When you think about labour exploitation, what sort of sectors come to mind?
- What do you think would be some of the signs that someone was working against their will?
- Can you imagine this happening in your own community?

Video, Hana's story

Post Video Questions- in breakout groups

- What struck you from the film?
- Did anything you heard surprise you?
- What comes to mind when you think of the term refugee?
- What inspired you?
- What questions does it leave you with?
- How can we help?

Bible Reading

Matthew 25:31-40

The Sheep and the Goats

³¹ "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. ³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

³⁴ "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, ³⁶ I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

³⁷ "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? ³⁸ When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? ³⁹ When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

⁴⁰ "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

Discussion as one group

Reflection on the reading

- Do we always welcome the stranger?
- What does this story say about how we should treat strangers (Foreigners, migrants, immigrants, asylum seekers etc)?
- 'The least of these' in our own communities may be hard to see at first (hidden in plain sight), how do we find them?

Further thoughts

- Do we always think about where our goods come from and how they are produced? Do we question why some things are very cheap?
- Has this video helped to understand what to look for and what to do if we suspect that is forced labour is happening in our local communities?
- Looking at Harriett Monsell's story of providing hope and rehabilitation to the 'fallen women' of Clewer Fields, are there practical responses we can make as individuals/part of the Othona Community?

Prayer

Almighty God, help us hear the voices of all who call for help, for themselves and for others, that we may be agents of your healing power – so that lives may be restored and relationships made right in your sight. We pray in Jesus name. Amen.

The Grace

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all ever more. Amen