

TRANSFORM

To transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation.

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Key texts: Isaiah 61:8, Psalm 33:5, Psalm 72, Exodus 22:21-23, Romans 13, Acts 21-26, Proverbs 31:8

ASK

Use these questions to direct conversation and reflection.

What are some examples of **unjust structures** or **conflict** you have observed in society or your community?

Reflect on the state of the world today. How does this reality **impact your faith and motivation** to be an agent of change?

Consider the biblical references that emphasise peace and reconciliation. How can you **promote reconciliation in your relationships and communities**? What obstacles could you encounter?

Examine **your own attitudes and behaviours towards the marginalised or oppressed**. How can you intentionally seek justice and fairness in your interactions with others?

Think about the **potential ripple effects** of your actions. How can your small acts of kindness and advocacy lead to larger positive changes in your community and beyond?

In Isaiah 61:8, God declares His love for justice. How can you **actively demonstrate God's love for justice** in your actions and advocacy?

What does it mean for **leaders to care for the poor, the stranger, and the oppressed**, according to Scripture?

Imagine a world where peace and reconciliation prevail, and unjust structures have been transformed. How can you **work towards making this vision a reality** in your own life and spheres of influence?

MAIN THEMES:

In a world plagued by darkness, anger, and injustice, we are called to be agents of transformative change modelled throughout the span of scripture.

ACT

Use these action points to direct action and initiative.

Awareness and Engagement: Take time to be aware of the situations of others around you, both locally and globally. Engage with community groups, events, and social media pages to better understand the needs and challenges faced by marginalised individuals and communities.

Motivated by Love and Compassion: Let love and compassion be your motivation for action. Seek to understand the action needed and the role you can play to bring about positive change.

Prepare for Action: Be strategic and well-prepared when advocating for justice and transformation. Gather information, statistics, and research to support your cause effectively.

Be Willing to Make Sacrifices: Consider the cost of advocating for justice and be willing to make sacrifices, putting the needs of the vulnerable before personal comfort or agendas.

Dealing with Resistance: Prepare yourself to face resistance and pushback when challenging unjust systems. Respond with firmness and sensitivity to those who doubt or oppose your efforts.

Work Collectively: Collaborate with like-minded individuals and organisations to effect greater change. Support and engage with agencies like Anglican Missions and NZCMS to amplify your voice and efforts.

Be a Pencil in God's Hands: Embrace the role of being a pencil in God's hands, sending love letters to the world through acts of compassion, support, and advocacy.