

All are Called

A Vocations Resource from St Albans Diocese

Part 2 — Called to Serve



Introduction

When God calls us, it's never just about us. Our calling is always to serve others. However, the world is a big place with people in many different situations and circumstances. None of us can possibly serve everyone. Instead, we each have a vocation to particular individuals and groups. Some of us will be drawn to care for the elderly, or maybe the young. Others will be moved by the plight of those who are poor, exploited or oppressed. Perhaps you feel a concern for those who have yet to come to faith. Being clear about which people we feel compassion for is an important step in finding out how God is calling us.



Activity

Get hold of some recent newspapers – ideally a mix of local and national papers. Look through them at the pictures – especially the pictures of people. What are the situations that concern you? Whom do you feel particular compassion for? Alternatively, think about the people you know. Start to make a list of their needs and how you might serve them.



Bible Study

Read Mark 10.42-45

What do these verses say about Jesus' attitude to status? How do you feel about being a "servant" or a "slave"? How easy or difficult is this? Why?

Read Galatians 2.7-10

In the early Church some, like Peter, had a calling to the Jews. Others, like Paul, were called to preach to the Gentiles. In what ways do we see different vocations in the Church today? Both Apostles had a calling to remember the poor. Are there some things which we are all called to do today?



Video

Watch the video that accompanies this study.

What struck you from the video? Why? Who were these people serving? Whom is God calling you to serve?



Next Steps

The first way of serving people is to pray for them. Make a list of the people you might start praying for.

Write down one thing you are going to do as a result of this study.
