

# The thought for the month

AUCKLAND DEAF CHRISTIAN CHURCH

June 2020 – No. 26

Church Service 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of each month at Rosebank Peninsula Church, 1 Orchard Road, Avondale



## Services will re start on 5 July



We look forward to seeing you

### Committee meeting decisions

No meeting held and no meeting will be held until services are running again

If you would like to have a social at your house or have any suggestions for a social get together. Talk to a committee member

### Birthdays coming up

June Whiting – 17 June

Johanna Brens – 10 July

Sheila Gibbons – 13 July

Rev. Jonnas Owino (Kenya) – 13 July

Karen Wilcox – 17 July



### Dates for your diary

**20 June** – Social at McDonalds Balmoral (see notice).

**5 July** - Sunday at 2.15pm ACDF service with communion at Avondale.

**19 July** - Sunday at 2.15pm at Avondale. A committee meeting after.

**2 August** - Sunday at 2.15pm ACDF service with communion at Avondale.

**14 August** - Sunday at 2.15pm ACDF service at Avondale. A committee meeting after.

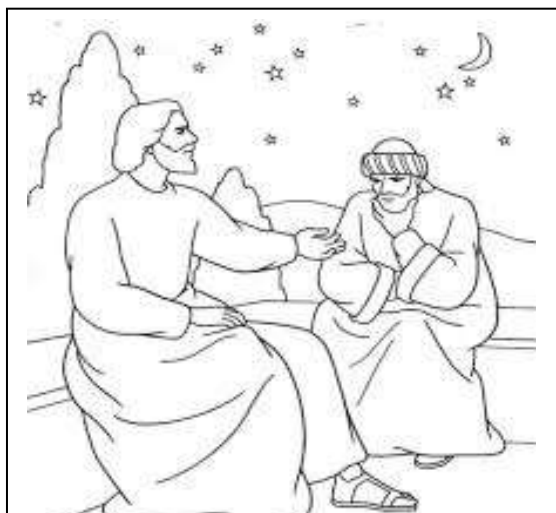
If anybody has any prayer requests, please contact Michelle or any one of the Committee members and this will be added to the newsletter

### Bible Quiz

Nicodemus John 3 v 1 – 21

- 1 What was Nicodemus?
- 2 How did Jesus say a person can be born again?
- 3 Complete this verse

God l\_\_\_ the w\_\_\_ so much that he gave his o\_\_\_ S\_\_\_ .. God g\_\_\_ his S\_\_\_ so that every p\_\_\_ that b\_\_\_ in him w\_\_\_ not be lost, but have l\_\_\_ forever.



Jesus teaches Nicodemus

**Please  
pray  
for**



Pray for God's blessings on these people

Mavis, Elsa, June W, Bev J and Phyllis (in care homes)

Barbara – Her daughter Brenda is living with cancer. She now has more pain.

Wendy – pray for her health.

Des – Des is now in Arron Court with Mavis. Pray for his general wellbeing.

Johanna – Please pray for continued healing

Fiona There are 3 special needs people in Fiona's family. Please pray that all their needs can be taken care of at home.

All people of New Zealand – Please pray for all people

Quiz answers

1 Nicodemus was a Pharisees (an important Jewish leader).

2 . Jesus told Nichodemus, You must be born naturally, (or of the flesh) AND be born spiritually, (or of the spirit). Those people who repent (turn away from) their sins,

(missing God's targets in life), who accept (believe) Jesus as Lord and saviour, will become part of God's family and will live with him in heaven. The next verse explains this a bit more. People who have done this can show others by being baptized.

Note! Jesus told His disciples:- Go you into all the world, making disciples of them and baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

3 God loved the world so much that he gave his only son. God gave his son so that every person that believes in him will not be lost, but have life forever (John 3 v 16 of Holy Bible English Version for the Deaf)



# Social

Time 2 – 4

Date Saturday 20 June 2020

Where McDonalds Balmoral,  
192 Balmoral Road, Balmoral

Come for a catch up chat. We would love to see you there

About missing God's targets in life and sin

The word "sin" is an old English one. It was used when archers were shooting their arrows at a target. If they missed the target the crowd would say, "sin".

So if we miss the target of the rules or laws or ideals that God has set for us we "sin".

Des would like someone to make a new word for 'sin', because so many people think it is just a religious word.

Jesus said our two most important targets should be to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul and strength. The second to love our neighbour as ourselves.

What a different world we would have if everybody got even close to those targets.





## What this story of Nicodemus tells us

It is important to be born again in a new life through Jesus Christ.

## Parable (story) of the Good Samaritan

From Holy Bible, English Version for the Deaf

Luke 10 v 30-37

<sup>30</sup> ... Jesus said "A man was going down the road from Jerusalem to Jericho. Some robbers surrounded him. They tore his clothes and beat him. Then the robbers left the man lying on the ground. He was almost dead. <sup>31</sup> It happened that a Jewish priest was going down the road. When the priest saw the man, he did not stop to help him, he walked away. <sup>32</sup> Next a Levite came near (Levites were men for the family group of Levi who helped the Jewish priests in the temple). The Levite saw the hurt man, but he went around him. He did not stop to help him either, he just walked away. <sup>33</sup> Then a Samaritan man travelled down that road (Samaritan's came from Samaria. They were part Jewish, but the Jews would not accept them. Jews hated Samaritan's). He came to the place where the man was lying. The Samaritan saw the man. He felt sorry for the hurt man. <sup>34</sup> The Samaritan went to him and poured olive oil and wine on his wounds (olive oil and wine were used like medicine to soften and clean wounds). Then he covered the man's wounds with a cloth. The Samaritan had a donkey. He put the hurt man on his donkey, and he took him to an inn. At the inn, the Samaritan cared for him. <sup>35</sup> The next day, the Samaritan brought out 2 silver coins and gave them to the man who worked at the inn (One coin was a denarius, was the average pay for 1 week's work). The Samaritan said 'Take care of the hurt man. If you spend more money on him, I will pay you back when I come again'

<sup>36</sup> Then Jesus said 'Which of these 3 men, (the priest, the Levite or the Samaritan) do you think showed love to the man that was hurt by the robbers?'

<sup>37</sup> The teacher of law answered. 'The one who helped him.'

Jesus said to the man. 'Then you go and do the same (for other people).'



## Study notes from New Living Translation (adapted by Michelle Smith and Rev Peter Williamson)

In parables, Jesus teaches us what we need to do to be ready for his return and how to live until he comes. A parable describes one part of the whole picture.

This Parable is about working out who is your neighbour and loving your neighbour.

Maybe Jesus tells this story so the people could think of themselves as each person (the Jewish hurt man, the Priest, the Levite and the Samaritan). Jewish people hated the Samaritan people and I think it would be very hard to accept help from a person you did not like. And the hated Samaritan looked after the Jewish hurt man just like you would think the Priest or the Levite would (but didn't).

God's law says we are to love our neighbour. Of the 3 people in the story (the Priest, the Levite and the Samaritan), we would expect the Priest or the Levite to help because they are people of God and follow God's laws and they are the same religion as the hurt man. The person we don't expect to help is the Samaritan because they were different – they hated Jews.

Jesus teaches us there are 3 important things to loving your neighbour

1. Lack of love is easy to do but is never right.
2. Who is our neighbour? Anyone of any race or social background (family or personal history or place in society) that is in need.
3. Love means doing something to meet another person's need. Where ever you live, there are always needy people nearby to help. A person's need can be for you to meet and talk or they need something done for them or both.

## The Parable Of The Good Samaritan



OIL  
JERUSALEM  
PRIEST  
WINE  
HALF-DEAD  
JERICHO  
CLOTHES  
ROBBERY  
LEVITE  
SILVER  
WOUND  
PARABLE  
SAMARITAN  
NEEDING  
TRAVELER

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