

Being Lutheran means being rooted in scripture

ACTIVITY

The Lutheran Churches didn't come up with the idea of social ministry all on their own.... as churches in which the Bible is normative for faith and life, we see much in scripture that leads us to an understanding that care for our neighbor is essential to Christian life.

You are invited to organize into five groups. Each group will look at one of the passages listed below and reflect together on what direction it might give to social ministry in the church. You'll then be invited to share your reflections with the whole group.

Scriptures: Genesis 1:26-27	Image of God
Mark 10:42-45	A life of service
2 Corinthians 5:18-19	Reconciliation
Galatians 3:28	Equality
Colossians 3:12-14	Love

Note to leader

allow time between the reading of each verse for personal meditation.

PRAYING THE SCRIPTURE

“So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.” — Genesis 1:27

“But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all.” — Mark 10:43-44

“All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation” — 2 Corinthians 5:18

“There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.” — Galatians 3:28

“Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony” — Colossians 3:14¹

AMEN

¹ All scripture passages from the New Revised Standard Version, 1989, National Council of Churches