

Going Deeper

Your weekly guide to understanding God with others

Living Out God's Character

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Introduction

Throughout the Old Testament, a recurring theme is the need for God's people to listen to God, and to be obedient to what He is calling them to do. This is how they were to live out and represent the character of God in the world in which they lived. The same requirement applies to every disciple today. God calls each one of us to be willing to hear and obey what He is calling us to do, no matter how large or small.

Read

Deuteronomy 10:12-21

Discuss

1. We are called to represent the character of God to the people around us. How might we do this? What might this look like in your context?
2. Read Acts 2:42-47. What stands out to you about this passage? Is this model still applicable to believers today? Why or why not?
3. How might we instigate even just a small part of this community of God (Acts 2:42-47) in our modern context? What prevents us from doing this?
4. Read Deuteronomy 24:19. How might we show this kind of mercy and assistance for those struggling in our community today?
5. Read Psalms 68:5 and 82:3. One of the biblical mandates in these passages is that we are to look out for the widow and orphans. What does this say to you? How seriously do we take this as disciples today? What can we do to embody this reality?

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Respond

The Bible clearly shows that as disciples we all have a part to play in looking out for those less fortunate than ourselves. This includes looking out for and assisting the vulnerable in our society. The organisation ARK specifically assists vulnerable children in foster care, and supports those who help with this. What is God calling you to do today in looking out for the vulnerable around you? What is one step that you can take to be obedient in this area this week?

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