

All are Called

A Vocations Resource from St Albans Diocese

Part 3 — Changing the World



Introduction

We read in Genesis 1 that when God made the world, God saw that it was good. The word “good” is the English translation of a Hebrew word, “tov”. Something is “tov” when it is just right – as it ought to be. However, due to human sin, the world is now damaged and spoiled. God’s plan is to put the world right again. So, we see Jesus, restoring everything that he encounters that is broken. Jesus also calls people to join him in this work of restoration and renewal. Our calling today is to join in with God’s mission of renewing the world.



Activity

Find pictures of people who have made a difference in the world. They may be famous inventors, medical pioneers, winners of the Nobel Peace Prize, or great religious leaders. On the other hand, they may not be famous people at all, but unsung heroes who have had an impact in their local communities.

Which of these people most inspire you? How have they made a difference? As you think about their achievements, think about how you dream of changing the world.



Bible Study

Read Isaiah 61.1-4

What do these verses say about what is wrong with the world? How is God putting the world right? Why do you think Jesus quoted these verses at the start of his ministry (see Luke 4)? How might these words inspire us today?

Read John 14.12-14

Jesus says that we will do greater works than his works. What do you think he means? How might this be possible? What examples can you think of?



Video

Watch the video that accompanies this study.

What struck you from the video? Why? How are these people making a difference? How do you dream of making a difference in the world?



Next Steps

Think about ways in which the world is damaged and broken, then make a list of particular situations you might pray about.

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