

CDM Kampung-ku Connection

Theme: Giving in Hope

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Reaching the least and the lost

O *pening prayer:*

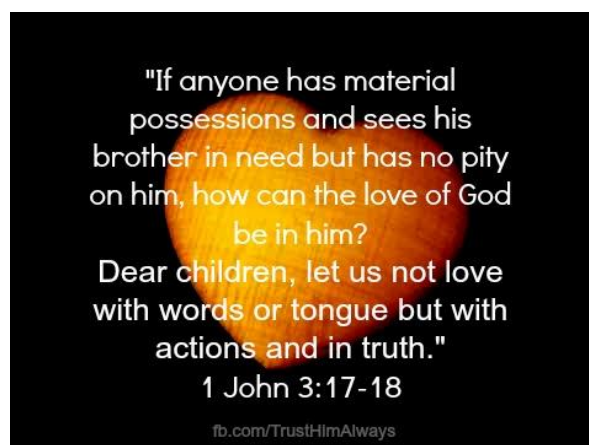
Lord, as we gather here in the harbour of your safety, we thank you for fellowship and family. We ask you to strengthen, restore and inspire us with your love. Fill us with your peace, so that as we journey onwards, we pour out your love and grace to others, so that they too will live in hope of better things to come.

Humanity in perpetual lockdown

We have evolved or evolving into a society where people are separated from the greater mass of humanity. It is unfortunate that the Covid situation has compounded this state of things and the sense of isolation even further.

- Cars have taken us off the streets where we used to greet each other and stop to chat.
- Cubicles have taken away a bit of the humanity in working, as have factories and computers
- Television has planted us firmly in our living rooms instead of being out with other people.
- Meals with friends or family has produced an onslaught of videos and selfies extolling the virtues of the food and posted on FB or Instagram instead of using opportunities to bond at the table

So let us strike back against the selfishness and greed of our modern world, and help out a fellow human being today. Not next month, not tomorrow but **today.**



GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Name just ONE experience (or more if you have) of either receiving or giving hope to someone through word or deed.

It can be something small, or the start of something big. Remember, this pandemic has in fact created more opportunities to reach out to others. Here's an extremely incomplete list, just to get you thinking:

1. **Lend your ear.** Often someone who is sad, depressed, angry, or frustrated just needs someone who will listen. Venting and talking through an issue is a huge help.
2. **Be patient.** Sometimes people can have difficulty understanding things, or learning to do something right. Be alert to help the elderly struggling with the MySejahtera at the market or supermarket queue.
3. **Call organizations to volunteer.** Help may be needed in a soup kitchen, our church, a charity, an animal shelter etc.
4. **Donate food.** Buy a couple bags of groceries and donate them to a homeless shelter, a neighbour, a stranger etc. Many stomachs are leaner than in any other period of our lives.
5. **Buy a meal for a homeless person or a drink for the road sweeper.** It is something spontaneous which can be done anytime, anywhere.

2. How did you feel either as the receiver of kindness or as the giver to help others?

Helping a fellow human being, while it can be inconvenient, has a few humble advantages. So take just a few minutes today and do a kindness for another person. Following are some examples:

1. It makes you feel better about yourself;
2. It connects you with another person, at least for a moment, if not for life;
3. It makes you want to do more to alleviate the misery of another human being
4. If that kindness is passed on, it can multiply, and multiply

“If you want others to be happy, practice compassion. If you want to be happy, practice compassion.” – Dalai Lama

Closing Prayer:

Gracious Father, we thank you for the opportunity to meet together today. As we leave this place, surround us with your love. May we see your beauty, feel your love, know your wisdom and experience your power. May we find the comfort we desire in you and the strength to carry out our mission in your name. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

A closing song to inspire and lighten our hearts

Put a little love in your hearts <https://youtu.be/CZ8K1sRibCY>

Jackie De Shannon

[Verse 1]

Think of your fellow man
Lend him a helping hand
Put a little love in your heart
You see it's getting late
Oh, please don't hesitate
Put a little love in your heart

[Chorus]

And the world will be a better place
And the world will be a better place
For you and me
You just wait and see

[Verse 2]

Another day goes by
And still the children cry
Put a little love in your heart
You want the world to know
We won't let hatred grow
Put a little love in your heart

[Chorus]

[Verse 3]

Take a good look around and if you're lookin' down
Put a little love in your heart
I hope when you decide, kindness will be your guide
Put a little love in your heart
And the world will be a better place
And the world will be a better place for you and me
You just wait and see