

Bible Study Monday 6th. April

Am I going Shopping??

A moral way of looking at a simple practical decision.!

Please note –as Anglicans we believe that God gives us guidance through the bible, the church teachings and common sense. This is a “bible study” so all references are biblical, when we finally get together again we can discuss the same questions from church teaching or common sense views.

By and large we make our moral decisions by looking to see what the law of God says, and then adjusting for the following influences.

What is the law of the land? Where does the primacy of love fit in?

What effect will it have on other people? Is it in line with God’s bigger plan for my life?

What would Jesus have done? What does my conscience say?

So, what is God’s Law in the bible. Please look up Ex. 20.1-19 and Deut. 5.6-21. What is the big difference?

Look up Matt.22.34-40, Mk.12.28-34, Lk.10.25-28. Can you think of any other examples of Christianity being less prescriptive than Judaism?

And what of our cultural adjustments?

a) What is the Law of the Land?

Look up Rom.13.1-2. Think of an action in life when you have or would engage in civil disobedience,

b) The primacy of love?

Look up Jn.15.9. God put us here not to receive others love but to give out love to others. Have you ever been unable to give love because you felt unloved? Ponder on the never failing love of Jesus.

c) What effect will it have on other people?

Look up 1Cor.10.23-33. Think of an example from fact or fiction of someone’s behaviour affecting other people.

d) Is it in line with God’s bigger plan for my life?

Look up Jer.29.11 and Rom.8.28. It is easy to see God’s plan when we look back, what can you do about seeing it in the future?

e) What would Jesus have done?

Look up Matt.10.38, Eph.5.1-2, Phil.2.5-11. Is there a difference between “imitating” and “following”? Who else do you follow?

f) What does my conscience say?

Look up 1Tim.1.18-19, Acts23.1, Is.30.19-22. Can we have a voice in our head without being labelled “mentally ill”.

Happy Shopping!

Colin.

If there is any subject you would like covered in this little series, let me know and I will do my best.