# York Street Small Groups

# Sermon Based Studies

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2023

FAITH RUNS DEEP Week 6: My Brother's Keeper



These studies are designed to be explored after hearing the Sunday sermon and also to be accompanied by a time of prayer/sharing.



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Questions have been adapted	from the Faith Runs Dee	p discussion auide. Coi	pies are available	from the church offic	ce

## **INTRODUCTION**

Even in Australia, part of the wealthy west, there are many groups of people who are disadvantaged.

1. What groups of disadvantaged people do you see in your community?

2. What types of disadvantage exist in your community? Remember that some may be hidden.

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### **DISCUSSION**

- 3. Andrew Fisher says to prisoners, 'I have a competitive advantage in life because of my faith'.
  - a) Besides the essential gift of salvation in Christ, list the advantages and benefits that having faith brings. Think deeply, and broadly.
  - b) Which of these is important to you personally? Why?
- 4. Read Matthew 25:31-43

Jesus told a story about a time in the future when He will sit on His throne and all the nations will be gathered before Him. He commended His followers for the way they loved the stranger, in particular the Christian stranger.

- a) List the ways the righteous loved the stranger.
- b) Think of a 21<sup>st</sup> century person who has shown love to others in each of those ways.

#### REFLECTION

Andrew Fisher says: 'It's up to you to make your life count for something!' Culturally, this often means becoming the next billionaire, but he isn't talking about success. What does it mean to you to make your life as a Christian count for something? What work can you do that no-one else will?

How can you show God's love to a particular person in your life?

If your group or church are participating in a Faith Runs Deep Church Campaign and this is your last week, take time to consider if you have a personal relationship with Jesus. If you'd like to, or if you'd just like to find out more, talk to your group leader or pastor.