

When the rubber hits the road...

Study 4, 14 December: The Final Mark of Mission

TRANSFORM:

‘What does the Lord require?’

Teresa of Avila (1515–1582)



Christ Has No Body

Christ has no body but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
Compassion on this world,
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,
Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,
Yours are the eyes, you are his body.
Christ has no body now but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
compassion on this world.
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

Some Bible readings:

Matthew 23:23

Matthew 5: 1-12 the Beatitudes
Luke 6: 35
Luke 18: 18-23; Matthew 19: 16-22 The rich ruler
Luke 6: 29
Matthew 6: 24
Acts 4: 32
Matthew 20: 25-28
Matthew 8: 2-3; Luke 8: 1-3; Luke 18: 16 Inclusion
Luke 6: 27-28 Radical love

Websites:

UN Millennium Development Goals - outcomes
[https://www.un.org/millenniumgoals/2015_MDG_Report/pdf/MDG%202015%20rev%20\(July%201\).pdf](https://www.un.org/millenniumgoals/2015_MDG_Report/pdf/MDG%202015%20rev%20(July%201).pdf)

UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
<https://sdgs.un.org/goals>

ABM Study guide
<https://www.abmission.org/resources.php/181/the-global-goals-for-sustainable-development>

Discussion questions:

- 1) How are we living out this final Mark of Mission, Transform, regionally and locally? If we run this lens of radical human equality in the sight of God over our society, what do we need to think more deeply about? What do we need to change? How can we make sure people have equal access to the means to flourish?
- 2) Are there particular systemic or structural issues that you personally feel moved to work to transform?
- 3) Which part of these four studies has challenged you the most?
- 4) Which has reassured you and encouraged you the most?

Thank you for joining us in this exploration of the Five Marks of Mission. May God bless you richly as you follow your vocation as disciples of Christ.