



SAINT TIMOTHY'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

LENTEN SERIES 2006
A COVENANTAL RESPONSE TO POVERTY
WEEK 5 – LOVE IN ACTION

Opening Prayer:

O Christ, by giving up your body to be crucified, you create a new community of God's children who live in your Resurrection. May we be of *one spirit* and *one will* as we reach out to those who live in hunger and poverty. *Amen*

Bread for the World

Bible Study:

- *1 John 3:11-24 – Love perfected through action*
John uses hate and death to talk about love and life. Why? What are some of the observable qualities of love John refers to in this passage? What people do you admire who have literally laid their own lives aside and picked up the cause of someone else's life? John describes a love that is written on our hearts. What are the behaviors of someone with that kind of love? How does a pure heart affect our relationship with God?
- *1 Cor. 13: 1-13 – Service with love*
Why is love the most important element in service? Why does service without love mean nothing? How can we serve with an eternal perspective?
- *Matthew 25:31-46 – Spiritual gifts in service of others*
We looked at this passage before. We know what Jesus requires of us. Name the different spiritual gifts used to respond to need in this passage. Which one of these needs calls out to you? How can your gifts be used to address that need?

Discussion:

- What have you learned through this series? What new insights do you have?
- What topics of poverty would you like to study further?
- How is God now calling you to respond to what you have learned?

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Guest Speaker:

Lydia Tan, Vice President of Bridge speaks to affordable housing

Wrap-up:

Roy Hayter – Habitat for Humanity

Leeann Patterson – Resources, opportunities for service

Closing Prayer:

Recite the baptismal covenant – BCP page 304