

# WHERE IS THE LOVE?

## Prime time for volunteerism

### Jesus' heart

- Life verse

*"For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many." Mark 10:45*

- Incarnation

*"In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God . . . God created everything through him . . . The Word gave life to everything that was created, and his life brought light to everyone . . . So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son." John 1:1,3-4,14*

- Character

*"Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross." Philippians 2:3-8*

- Life's work

*"The Spirit of the LORD is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free." Luke 4:18*

*"You know the generous grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty he could make you rich." 2 Corinthians 8:9*

### Jesus' heart in me

*"And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them. For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son . . ." Romans 8:28-29*

*". . . And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image." 2 Corinthians 3:18*

### Jesus' heart through me

- Be the church . . . sharing God's love

*"Again he said, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you.'" John 20:21*

*"He did this to present her to himself as a glorious church without a spot or wrinkle or any other blemish. Instead, she will be holy and without fault." Ephesians 5:27*

*"But my life is worth nothing to me unless I use it for finishing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus—the work of telling others the Good News about the wonderful grace of God." Acts 20:24*

- Save the world . . . through heroic acts of kindness

*"For once you were full of darkness, but now you have light from the Lord. So live as people of light!" Ephesians 5:8*

*"For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago." Ephesians 2:10*

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