

Respect for Others

Reflection

How do we want others to treat us? Can we share a story about a time when we felt we were not treated with respect?

Inspiration from the Holy Bible

Do to others whatever you would have them do to you. This is the law and the prophets. (Matthew 7:12)

Inspiration from the Holy Qur'an

"O you who have believed, avoid much (negative) assumption. Indeed, some assumption is sin. And do not spy or backbite each other. Would one of you like to eat the flesh of his brother when dead? You would detest it. And fear Allah; indeed, Allah is accepting of repentance and Merciful." (Surah Al-Hujurat 49:11-12)

Hadith

Abdullah ibn Amr reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said: "Whoever would love to be delivered from the Hellfire and entered into Paradise, then let him die with faith in Allah and the Last Day, and let him treat the people the way he would love to be treated." (Sahih Muslim)

Abu Muntafiq reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said: "Look at however you would love for the people to treat you, then treat them that way. However you hate for the people to treat you, then do not treat them that way." (Al-Mu'jam Al-Kabeer)

How do we show respect for others?

- A. Be courteous to everyone. Greet others with a smile. Address them properly by their names and titles. Do not interrupt when someone is having a conversation.

To speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people. (Titus 3:2)

- B. Love and honor one another. Give a sincere compliment. Be patient and understanding. Learn to forgive.

Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other. (Romans 12:10)

So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other, Just as I have loved you, you should love each other, Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples. (John 13:34- 35)

- C. Serve one another in love. Treat each other fairly. Be willing to help others in need.

For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don't use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love. (Galatians 5:13)

Challenge

What is our most significant learning today? How will we apply it to our own life?

Prayer

Praise God for His goodness and grace in our life. Ask forgiveness for our sins. Thank Him for the blessings we have received.

If we have any prayer requests, let us pray for one another.

We end the meeting with this declaration of faith: Because You are our shepherd, Lord, we shall not lack anything. You provide for our every need and satisfy our desires with Your goodness. You restore our souls and lead us in paths of righteousness. Even though we experience troubles in life, we will not fear because You are with us.