

## CHAPTER 8

# FOR THE GOOD OF ALL

## The challenge of caring



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“Of one hundred people, one will read the Bible; the ninety-nine will ‘read’ the Christian.” ~ Dwight L Moody

1. What do you think it means to ‘read the Christian’? Do you agree with this statement?

#### Read Mark 1:21-45

- 2a. Jesus is both creator and saviour—how do you see this being taught through the range of incidents in this passage?

- b. Did Jesus’ healing ministry generate in the people wrong expectations about Jesus? Why did Jesus heal people?

#### Look at Galatians 6:9-10

3. Think about some of the caring ministries of the church that you know of. Do they help to direct people towards some understanding that there is a God and that he loves them or are they ministries simply being carried out in obedience to Paul’s instruction to the Galatians?

- 4a. In an imperfect world, what are our responsibilities towards God’s creation?
  - b. In practical terms, what does it mean for believers to mirror the justice and love of God in our relations with others, both Christians and non-Christians?
  - c. What should motivate us in our dealings with them?
5. The creation responsibility to care for the planet (Genesis 2:15) and for fellow humans (Galatians 6:9-10) is a responsibility for all people, but should it be undertaken in a different or special way by Christians?

#### Read 1 Peter 4:8-12

- 6a. How can members of your group help each other to identify your gifts?
- b. Think of concrete ways in which these gifts could be used for the sake of the gospel.