

6. Read Deuteronomy 10:14-22 (Going Deeper)
- What aspects of Israel's history does Moses remind them of?
  - Why was it surprising that God chose Israel above all nations? What does that show us about God?
  - What problems and issues would the 'fatherless, widows and foreigners' share in ancient Israelite society?
  - How are Israel to treat them and why?
  - How should Israel's history influence their attitude to foreigners?
  - How does this apply to us as Christians?

#### Applying it to our lives

- How can we offer support and help to people whilst also helping them to see that God is the real help and support they need?
- Looking back at Psalm 146:7-9, can you think of examples where people are providing support for the kind of people God looks out for?
- What areas of support may be lacking? What action might God be calling us to take to deal with this?

# GROWTH TEAMS



**PRAYER**



**CARE**



**SHARE**

**Week Beginning  
Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

#### Growth Team News

Growth Teams are a great place to meet with others, build relationships of care, pray for one another and share our understanding of God's word with each other.

This week we look at the theme of *Compassion for the Community* as we continue looking at the question of what kind of church God wants us to be in a post-covid world.

With lockdown we have two Growth Teams running on Zoom:

**Mon.** 8:00pm *on Zoom*  
**Thu.** 8.00pm *on Zoom*

Anyone is welcome to join us. Please contact Paul (01843 592562) for more information or to join a team.

## Compassion for the Community

*Psalm 146 (page 632 in the church Bibles)*

*Space to take notes on the talk*

❖ **God is greater than** \_\_\_\_\_

❖ **God rescues** \_\_\_\_\_

❖ **God's people** \_\_\_\_\_

❖ **Compassion for our community?**

- **Gives** \_\_\_\_\_
- **Lifts up** \_\_\_\_\_
- **Watches over** \_\_\_\_\_

## Getting to know each other

❖ Who do you most admire for helping others?

## Responding to the talk

1. What would you say to someone who asked you what you learnt at church last Sunday?
2. Praise! – Read Psalm 145.
  - Take it in turn to choose a verse from Psalm 145 and use it as the start of a short prayer of praise to God.
3. Reread Psalm 146
  - a. What lines in Psalm 146 echo those in Psalm 145?
  - b. What does the Psalmist commit himself to doing?
  - c. What is the contrast between verses 3 and 5?
  - d. Why does the Psalm say it is better to trust in God rather than human beings?
4. Read Luke 4:16-21
  - a. What are the similarities between the passage from Isaiah which Jesus reads and Psalm 146?
  - b. In what ways did Jesus's life and ministry fulfil this prophecy?
  - c. Read John 8:31-32. How does Jesus's teaching help fulfil this prophecy?
  - d. Read Romans 6:19-23. How does the gospel message fulfil this prophecy?
5. Read Psalm 146:5-10
  - a. Which characteristic of God do you personally find most encouraging? Why?
  - b. Which of the characteristics do we emphasise least in the church today? How does that effect the way we act as a church?
  - c. Which characteristic do we need to emphasise more? Why?