

Lesson 1: And Who is my Neighbour?

Anyone who does not have the means to flourish is a neighbour.

“Service to the Least” is one of the important teachings that different traditions share in common. As Human Beings, we have a ‘common ground’ to share – the goods of the earth, our basic human rights and our universal brotherhood. This common ground also invites us to help and support one another. Whatever the circumstances we are in, we must help.

And Who is My Neighbour? invites students to share their ideas and feelings about being a neighbour to others, the feelings of those in need and the challenges of helping them so that they too may flourish. Through photo analysis, the use of music and quotations from significant people in history, students get to become more aware of their indispensable duty to help others.

Lesson 2: Man & Woman for Others

We are called to be men and women for others.

It is a challenge for many to learn to go beyond seeing from the surface to seeing with an open heart; to look at others and be able to recognize them and the condition that they are in.

To be a man or a woman for others means to go out of ourselves in love which is the ultimate feature that gives meaning to life; to be more open to others around us and begin to see them as part of who we are; to pay attention to the suffering, the poor, the neglected, elderly and abandoned in our midst; to be available for others as a loving companion who understands and to continue to offer them the respect they deserve as Human Beings.

Man and Woman for Others is a lesson that helps students become more familiar with the less fortunate people within the community. Through various activities students get to see the reality of poverty even in a country like Singapore. They are made more aware of the plight of others around them and the need to respond accordingly.

Lesson 3: Be a Leader! Be a Servant!

Leadership is for Service

At the core of a Catholic school’s mission is the development of students who are authentic servant leaders. Leadership and service are two aspects of the same coin. Students need to understand that leadership is for service and that true leaders always serve.

As Robert Greenleaf, the founder of the Centre for Servant Leadership, once said, “Good leaders must first become good servants.”

Be a Leader! Be a Servant! hopes to create a culture of service among students. It engages students in a discussion about leadership – what should be & what should not be. It also uses stories of young people whose leadership made a huge difference in the lives of others. Through the lesson students get to think about their own leadership styles with friends, family and in small groups during lesson activities.