

# TEND

To tend to human need with loving service.

Key texts: 2 Corinthians 2,7, Jeremiah 33:3

## ASK

Use these questions to direct conversation and reflection.

What does the Mark of Mission "tend" mean to you?

Think about the human suffering you've witnessed in the world or in your community. How does this **motivate** you to take action?

How does prayer impact your **understanding** of God's will and the situations of those in need?

How can you **deepen your prayer life** to make a more significant impact, especially in response to global crises and human suffering?

In 2 Corinthians 8:2, the Macedonians showed "rich generosity" despite severe trials and extreme poverty. What **lessons can we learn** from their example, and how can we apply this kind of giving in our lives?

What **assumptions, beliefs, or habits** do you need to give up in order to better serve those in need?

Jeremiah 33:3 reminds us that God reveals great and unsearchable things through prayer. How can you **actively listen to God's guidance** to identify your unique role in tending to human needs?

How can you use your **skills, talents, and purpose** to serve others in your community or beyond? Reflect on ways to utilise your abilities effectively to make a positive impact.

Do you sometimes feel like your contribution is **insignificant** compared to others? How can you **recognise the value** of your unique role in the mission field and see it as essential?

## MAIN THEMES:

Through prayer, generous giving, embracing change, and discovering our unique roles, we can actively participate in tending to the lives of those who are suffering and in need.

## ACT

Use these action points to direct action and initiative.

**Prayer Challenge:** Commit to praying regularly for those who are suffering, both in your community and around the world. Pray specifically for their needs, trusting in God's perfect will to bring comfort and healing.

**Generous Giving:** Embrace the spirit of rich generosity like the Macedonians, giving beyond your ability to support humanitarian causes and organisations. Look for opportunities to donate your resources and time.

**Embrace Change:** Be open to expanding your understanding of worship and church, allowing it to encompass acts of loving service. Challenge any preconceived notions that might hinder your ability to tend to human needs.

**Discover Your Role:** Spend time in prayer and reflection to identify your unique skills, talents, and purpose. Seek ways to use these gifts to contribute to the well-being of others in your community and beyond.

**Take Small Actions:** Remember that even small actions can create ripples of positive change. Look for opportunities to serve those in need in your neighbourhood and wider community, using your skills and resources.

**Partner with Local Communities:** Recognise the value of local communities and organisations in responding to crises. Find ways to support and work alongside them during times of need.

**Embrace Unexpected Opportunities:** Be open to the leading of the Master, allowing Him to guide you to unexpected places and situations where you can be of service.