

WEEK FOUR – Sunday 23 August 2020

This week's video is around our partnership with churches through Collaborative Community Partnerships (CCP) and particularly the story of the difference the mentoring program at Clovercrest Baptist Church has made for their local primary school. In addition to the positive stories of personal change for children in the program, the video reflects that it is in partnership with our churches that Baptist Care SA is able to offer pathways back into community, helping people to fully participate in the fullness of life.

Prayer:

Lord God,

You invite us to know you in community. Friendship, true conversation and presence are gifts of your Kingdom.

Thank you that we can each offer these to each other without needing a degree, a specialist title or special talents.

We praise you for the impact that kindness, time, selflessness and encouragement have in the lives of those we reach out.

Use each of us to bless those around us as we listen to you, listen to each other and provide safe, genuine community.

Thank you for making space for us, may we be known for including and embracing our community and holding onto one another through the ups and downs we each experience in life.

May we walk patiently with others, considering them more important than ourselves, as you did with us.

May you do miracles though our simple offers of friendship, to bring light in the darkness, we pray...

Amen

Suggested Bible reading:

Philippians 2:1-4 "Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, ² then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. ³ Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴ not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others."

Questions for reflection:

- Where do we see the Kingdom of God at work in the story?
- What inspired you in the story?
- What challenges us?