

## LESSON PLAN STD 8

### LESSON 7 CHURCH: THE COMMUNITY OF PEOPLE WHO SHARE

#### OBJECTIVES

- Students will understand the importance of sharing in the life and teachings of Jesus and in the early Church.
- Students will reflect on ways they can practice sharing in their daily lives as members of the Church.
- Students understand that the Church continues its sharing through various deeds of charity.

#### STARTER

Begin by asking students to share their thoughts on why sharing is important. Also show a YouTube video of feeding 5000 people.

<https://youtu.be/UtrjViTgPHs?si=f5e-CpQqVM45bD16>

#### PRESENTATION

1. Highlight Jesus' compassion for the hungry crowd and his command to the disciples to share what they had with others-parable of good Samaritan and other references from the Bible
2. The early Church lived the compassion of Jesus and his readiness to share-distributed everything according to each one's need - breaking of the bread was an occasion of sharing with the poor.
3. Motive force for sharing in the early Church -Hope of resurrection, teaching of Jesus about the final Judgement at the end of time.
4. The Eucharistic sacrifice urges us to share with the poor while living our Christian lives-our knowledge, time, health and wealth
5. Sharing is the fundamental nature of the Church. Church, the body of Christ should engage in charitable deeds to relieve the suffering of others.
6. Discuss about various institutions run by the Church for the welfare of the poor and needy people. Give examples of Fr. Damien, St. Vincent De Paul and Mother Teresa for their deeds of charity. Also, as members of the Church we should participate in charitable works and become witness of sharing in the world.

#### APPLICATION

-Share your riches, talents, knowledge and time for the good of others in all the possible ways.

-Participate in the various association activities of the parish for charitable deeds.

#### BIBLE VERSE

"Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these, my brethren, you did it to me"  
(Mt.25:40)

#### ACTIVITY

-Prepare a list of various charitable deeds that can be done by the students of your parish.

-Visit any of the charitable institutions run by our diocese.

