

## LEARNING JESUS: Part 5

*Approaching Jesus, I then can begin to appreciate his truth, and I find courage then, as I **learn** more and more of Jesus, to **appropriate** not just what he stands for but who he is. In this way I begin to put into practice his way of being. Jesus becomes my way of living and relating.*

**Love one another as I have loved you.**

John 13:34

Love is God's meaning, Love is God's name. Love is who God is, and what God does. The community of love - which is God - is our community, in which we discover who we are, who we can become, and what we are to do. And that is precisely the gift we have for each other.

**Take care that you do not despise one of these little ones.**

Matthew 18:10

The One who is gentle and humble of heart asks us to respect and honour the least, the last and the lost. This respect for human life - for human dignity and freedom - is fundamental in our learning Jesus.

**Whoever wishes to be great among you shall be your servant, whoever wishes to be first among you shall be your slave.**

Matthew 20:26-27

Jesus came not to found a religion but to usher in a new era of human relating. Presence without privilege, dialogue without arrogance, ministry without domination. Take care how you relate to each other, for Jesus came "not to be served but to serve". He is for us the reason to serve, as well as the model. But even more than a model to imitate, we are to become Jesus in the world, who has no hands but our hands.