

**“Whatever you have learned, received or heard from Christ—put it into practice.”**

**Philippians 4:9 Liberating Education 2020**



As we begin another school year we celebrate the launch of our scriptural theme for 2020. This is listed above and highlights that Christ is ultimate example for us to follow. As each day dawns we are called to reflect what we have learnt, received or heard from Christ and then try our very best to put it into practice. Outlined below are four lessons that I have learnt through examining Christ’s role and relationship in my life.

**Be clear with what you want.**

*“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.” — Matthew 7:7-8*

Jesus knew that clarity is one of the secrets to success. Be deliberate in living your life. Be clear with what you want to achieve. Know what to ask for and how to ask for it. Pray for it.

**Follow the Golden Rule- Good relationships**

*“Do to others whatever you would have them do to you.” — Matthew 7:12*

This is all the life lessons from Jesus combined. In fact, this is probably Jesus’s most popular lesson for Christians and non-Christians alike. What do you want others to do to you and for you? Do the same to them and for them.

**If you want to be great, serve.**

*“The greatest among you must be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted.” — Matthew 23:11-12*

Think about the great people who lived like.....they may be family, friend or someone who inspires you.

They are forever immortalized because they lived their lives in service to others and to what they believe in.

**Love.**

*“Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbour as*

*yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments.” —  
Matthew 22:36-40*

Jesus knew that, at the end of the day, all that matters is love. God’s Love goes beyond all. Why trouble ourselves with our differences? At the centre of it all is love. Scripture says, “God is love.” Let love be at the centre of your thoughts, your words, your dreams and aspirations, your actions, and your whole life. God loves you!

In reading these four lessons above there may be some that you might like to add. What are the lessons that you have learnt from Christ? We pray that this year may be full of searching, listening and observing the lessons that Christ the redeemer has shared with us. We pray that we have the clarity of perception to acknowledge them as we encounter them in our lives. We pray.....

### **St Edmund’s College Prayer**

Dear Lord,

Grant that we may live each day to the full, inspired by the Holy Spirit.

Let us cast away all worries and concerns into your divine care.

**All:** Christus Lux Mea

Give us strength to confront all challenges that we face with hope and faith.

Let our community seek truth in all that we search for.

**All:** Christus Lux Mea

Let us stand for others always giving generously without counting the cost.

Blessed Edmund Rice

**Pray for us**

Live Jesus in our hearts forever

**Amen**

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