Religious Studies

Prejudice & Discrimination Notes

Instructions: Write these notes neatly in your Social Sciences notebook under the subject headed Religious Studies. Show them to me tomorrow and get your Class Dojo Points.

Prejudice is a favourable or unfavourable feeling or opinion formed beforehand without knowledge, thought or reason. "Discrimination is the systematic denial of certain peoples' or groups' full rights because of who they are or what they believe." (Amnesty International)

Discrimination is caused by factors such as race, colour, religion, gender, nationality, age, health status or a combination of factors. Discrimination is perpetuated because of people's fear, lack of knowledge and lack of respect. People usually respond negatively to things/people they do not understand or know little about.

The foundation of Jesus teachings was love. Therefore, He demonstrated love and told stories about loving others. In the story, "The Good Friend," Jesus addressed the hatred that existed between the Jews and the Samaritans. In the story, "The Woman who came for Water," Jesus showed that He did not discriminate against the Samaritans or women. On one occasion, Jesus welcomed children who were being pushed aside.

Fostering good relationships with people is very important. The best ways to do this is to show respect for people, their beliefs and customs. Disrespectful and unkind words should not be uttered. Knowledge, exposure and interaction are keys to overcome prejudice.

I am done writing my notes:

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