

CHRISTIANITY: A FORCE FOR GOOD

CUBE 3 | CHRISTIANITY'S LEGACY OF COMPASSION AND POVERTY RELIEF

Name: _____ Date: _____

Instructions: Use the ThinkCube article and cited Scriptures to answer the questions. Circle the best answer.

PREMISE 1: CHRISTIAN BELIEFS INSPIRE CARE FOR THE POOR

1. Which belief grounds the equal dignity of rich and poor?
 - A. Every person is made in the image of God
 - B. Wealth determines human value
 - C. Only citizens deserve help
 - D. People must earn dignity
2. What did Jesus identify as a central command?
 - A. Accumulate wealth at all costs
 - B. Love your neighbor as yourself
 - C. Ignore strangers in need
 - D. Give only when rewarded
3. According to James 2:14–17, what is inadequate?
 - A. Faith that refuses practical help to someone in need
 - B. Offering food to the hungry
 - C. Visiting the sick
 - D. Sharing resources generously
4. How did the early church respond to members in need (Acts 2:44–45)?
 - A. It prohibited all giving
 - B. It shared possessions and distributed resources
 - C. It restricted charity to rulers
 - D. It left poverty entirely to Rome

PREMISE 2: CHRISTIAN ORGANIZATIONS MOBILIZE POVERTY RELIEF

5. Which is an example of a Christian humanitarian organization?
 - A. World Vision
 - B. The Roman Senate
 - C. The Peloponnesian League
 - D. The League of Nations
6. What does “social capital” help explain in charitable work?
 - A. How networks of trust and relationships mobilize volunteers and aid
 - B. Why all charity must be government-run
 - C. Why religious groups cannot cooperate
 - D. Why generosity requires wealth
7. Which services do organizations such as Catholic Relief Services and Tearfund provide?
 - A. Disaster response and community development
 - B. Military recruitment
 - C. Religious taxation
 - D. Luxury travel
8. Which conclusion is best supported by the examples in the article?
 - A. Christian belief has inspired many major aid organizations
 - B. All humanitarian aid comes exclusively from Christians
 - C. Every Christian nonprofit has the same mission
 - D. Secular groups never assist the poor

PREMISE 3: CHRISTIANS SERVE THE MOST VULNERABLE

9. Which ministry is known for hospital ships and surgical care?
 - A. Mercy Ships
 - B. The World Trade Organization
 - C. The International Olympic Committee
 - D. The Roman Legion
10. Which group is specifically named among those receiving Christian care?
 - A. Orphans and people affected by illness
 - B. Only political leaders
 - C. Only wealthy donors
 - D. Only church employees
11. What motivates Christian medical and disaster-relief missions in the lesson?
 - A. Love of God and neighbor
 - B. A promise of political office
 - C. A requirement to become wealthy
 - D. A rejection of human dignity
12. What is the strongest way to discuss Christianity's humanitarian impact?
 - A. Give concrete, verifiable examples while avoiding unsupported global rankings
 - B. Claim no non-Christian group helps anyone
 - C. Assume every statistic is accurate without checking
 - D. Ignore the needs of vulnerable people

REVIEW | KEY IDEAS

Christian charity is rooted in the image of God, love of neighbor, and a faith expressed through practical action. Historical examples include early church sharing, relief organizations, medical missions, and disaster response.

PART TWO | WRITTEN REFLECTIONS

1. Explain how Genesis 1:27 and Matthew 22:37–39 establish a Christian reason to care for people experiencing poverty.

2. How did the generosity of the early church in Acts 2:44–45 put Christian beliefs into practice?

3. Choose two organizations from the article and explain the distinct kinds of poverty relief or humanitarian service they provide.

4. Why can churches and faith communities be effective at mobilizing volunteers, donations, and practical assistance?

5. How would you respond to someone who says Christianity has contributed nothing positive to society? Use two concrete examples.

PART THREE | SCRIPTURE MEMORY (ESV)

James 1:27 — Find this verse in your ESV Bible and write it below.

PERSONAL TAKEAWAY

What is one example of Christian compassion that you want to remember and share?

READY RESPONSE PRACTICE

Write a concise, respectful 3–5 sentence response to: “Christianity has done more harm than good.”

INSTRUCTOR ANSWER KEY | MULTIPLE CHOICE

1. A — Every person is made in the image of God
2. B — Love your neighbor as yourself
3. A — Faith that refuses practical help to someone in need
4. B — It shared possessions and distributed resources
5. A — World Vision
6. A — How networks of trust and relationships mobilize volunteers and aid
7. A — Disaster response and community development
8. A — Christian belief has inspired many major aid organizations
9. A — Mercy Ships
10. A — Orphans and people affected by illness
11. A — Love of God and neighbor
12. A — Give concrete, verifiable examples while avoiding unsupported global rankings

GUIDANCE FOR WRITTEN REFLECTIONS

1. Every person bears God's image; love of neighbor requires concern beyond one's own group.
2. Acts describes believers sharing possessions and meeting needs, showing tangible care.
3. Examples: World Vision—child-focused aid; Catholic Relief Services—disaster relief and development; Mercy Ships—medical care.
4. Congregations create relationships, trust, volunteers, shared resources, and recurring opportunities to serve.
5. Acknowledge Christian failures while naming specific institutions and acts of care inspired by Christian teaching.

Instructor note: The article makes several broad numerical and “largest in the world” claims. Encourage students to verify statistics before repeating them. The lesson’s strongest evidence is its biblical teaching and identifiable humanitarian organizations.