

MOOREBANK HAMMONDVILLE ANGLICAN CHURCH
QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION OR REFLECTION
Topic: Remembrance Day

In 1997, Governor-General Sir William Deane issued a proclamation formally declaring 11th November to be Remembrance Day, urging all Australians to observe one minute's silence at 11am on 11th November each year to remember those who died or suffered for Australia's cause in all wars and armed conflicts.

1. What does Remembrance Day mean to you? How important is it for you to remember those who died in war?

Read John 15:13 and Romans 5:6-8.

2. What is the greatest act of love a person can make?
3. Reflect on your life – who has made sacrifices for you? Why did they do this? How did it make you feel?
4. Rightly we applaud and honour those who make sacrifices for others. How is God's sacrificial love for us even better?
5. From the time of the Passover, remembering what God has done has been important for His people. What are some ways we can remember Jesus' sacrifice for us:
 - when we gather together?
 - for how we live our lives?

Read 1 Corinthians 11:17-33.

6. What is the purpose of having communion in church? How does it help us joyfully trust, follow and share Jesus? How often did the early church remember Jesus in this way?
7. These verses remind us that "remembering" has implications for the present. Otherwise it is just sentimentality. What are the implications for how we live with respect to remembering our fallen veterans?
8. What are our responsibilities to veterans alive or dead with respect to the following situations? (pick 1 or 2 to discuss)
 - a. those who currently serve in the military?
 - b. those who have left the military broken or disabled?
 - c. the families of those who die?
 - d. those in our military who commit war crimes?
 - e. governments who decide upon unjust wars?
9. We live in a wonderful country that experiences much peace, prosperity, and freedom. But this is only possible because of the sacrifice of those who fought to keep our country like this. How often do we feel gratitude at what we have been given? What are some things that you're particularly grateful for?
10. Take a minute in silence to think about all you have received through our nation, and those who died to make it possible. Give thanks to God in prayer.