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are you in?

LifeGroups
get connected.

TRANSFORMATION

"And we... are being transformed into His likeness."

2 Corinthians 3:18

CHETS TOP 5

Impact
Jacksonville
Service Day
September 25th
8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

ESL Training

Parenting on
Purpose
Conference
Saturday, September 11th
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Golf Tournament/
Silent Auction/
Missions Banquet
October 4th - 8:30 a.m.
Deerwood Country Club

Chets Chicks
Upcoming Events
Retreat
Friday & Saturday,
October 1st & 2nd
Bible Studies Began
August 30th & 31st
Mentoring Coffee
September 19th & 26th



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Discussion Guide

Beginning the Conversation

FOCUS: God's Word is far from silent in regard to issues of social change. A tremendous amount of Scripture deals directly with the issues of poverty, injustice, and oppression- Get Uncomfortable p. 12

*6 With what shall I come before the LORD and bow down before the exalted God? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? 7 Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? 8 He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. **Micah 6:6-8 (NIV)***

Micah 6:6-8

- Micah 6:6-8 is about the kind of people God desires us to be, do we just give our money and possessions or do we also give ourselves?
- Do you agree that the US lives in a cocoon, disconnected from the way the majority of the world lives?
- What social Elements or cultural perspectives do you believe contribute to this?

Read Romans 12 : Discuss or reflect on how this chapter applies to our responsibility to meet the needs of the poor and oppressed around the world.

- Do you agree that churches in America have become part of the entertainment culture?
- How do you see Our church in light of this charge?

What is a one sentence purpose statement for the passages below?

John 13: 15-17

Jeremiah 22:15-16

Titus 1:15-16

Read James 1:22-25

- How does this passage describe a Christ-follower who knows what God expects but chooses not to respond.

After watching "More than Stats" describe your feelings about the true state of the United States?

The state of the rest of the world?

How can we take personal responsibility with issues of need in the world today?

Individual Challenge: This week carry something to write on everywhere you go. Keep an eye and an ear out for potential prayer targets of need. Make a note of the things that you see and hear; ie the homeless, the less fortunate, the poor. Did you drive through any "lower" neighborhoods, what were your thoughts? How about people groups you read about or hear about on the news?

Read Thru the Bible

"How sweet your words taste to me; they are sweeter than honey. Your commandments give me understanding; no wonder I hate every false way of life. Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path."

Psalm 119:103-105

<u>Sept</u>	<u>Old Testament</u>	<u>New Testament</u>	<u>Psalms</u>	<u>Proverbs</u>
5	Job 28:1-30:8	1 Cor 10:25-11:16	105:37-45	21:29-31
6	Job 30:9-31:40	1 Cor 11:17-34	106:1-12	22:1-2
7	Job 32:1-33:33	1 Cor 12:1-20	106:13-23	22:3-4
8	Job 34:1-35:16	1 Cor 12:21-13:13	106:24-31	22:5-6
9	Job 36:1-37:24	1 Cor 14:1-25	106:32-39	22:7-8
10	Job 38:1-39:12	1 Cor 14:26-15:11	106:40-48	22:9-10
11	Job 39:13-40:24	1 Cor 15:12-34	107:1-9	22:11-12
12	Job 41:1-42:17	1 Cor 15:35-58	107:10-16	22:13-14

LifeGroup Prayer Requests:

"You are not responsible for everyone in the church family - but you are responsible to them. So speak encouraging words to one another. Build up hope so you'll all be together in this, no one left out, no one left behind."

1 Thessalonians 5:11

LOOKING TOWARD NEXT SUNDAY

"Get Uncomfortable"

Next Week We will look at the Character of God and how it aligns with the needs of the World today.

MONDAY - SEPTEMBER 6, 2010

Read Colossians 3:12-17

12Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. 13Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. 14And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. 15Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. 16Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. 17And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

What do these verses mean to you in light of this study?

What personally would enhance your effectiveness in looking toward injustice?

TUESDAY - SEPTEMBER 7, 2010

Read Matthew 21:33-46

33"Listen to another parable: There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and went away on a journey. 34When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit. 35" The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. 36Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them the same way. 37Last of all, he sent his son to them. 'They will respect my son,' he said. 38" But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, 'This is the heir. Come, let's kill him and take his inheritance.' 39So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. 40" Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" 41" He will bring those wretches to a wretched end," they replied, "and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time." 42Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: " 'The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes'? 43" Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit. 44He who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, but he on whom it falls will be crushed." 45When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard Jesus' parables, they knew he was talking about them. 46They looked for a way to arrest him, but they were afraid of the crowd because the people held that he was a prophet.

What did Jesus want from the Pharisees?

WEDNESDAY - SEPTEMBER 8, 2010

Read Matthew 9:35-38

35Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. 36When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. 37Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. 38Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

What do you see in the heart of Jesus in this Passage?

THURSDAY - SEPTEMBER 9, 2010

Read Deuteronomy 24:19-22

19 When you are harvesting in your field and you overlook a sheaf, do not go back to get it. Leave it for the alien, the fatherless and the widow, so that the LORD your God may bless you in all the work of your hands. 20 When you beat the olives from your trees, do not go over the branches a second time. Leave what remains for the alien, the fatherless and the widow. 21 When you harvest the grapes in your vineyard, do not go over the vines again. Leave what remains for the alien, the fatherless and the widow. 22 Remember that you were slaves in Egypt. That is why I command you to do this.

What is this passage making provision for?

FRIDAY - SEPTEMBER 10, 2010

Read Jeremiah 5:27-28

27 Like cages full of birds, their houses are full of deceit; they have become rich and powerful 28 and have grown fat and sleek. Their evil deeds have no limit; they do not plead the case of the fatherless to win it, they do not defend the rights of the poor.

What is God saying here?

Pray for:

Hubbard House www.hubbardhouse.org - The Hubbard house has served the Northeast Florida area with the mission of eliminating domestic violence in our community.

Safe Harbor www.boyshome.com Safe Harbor is a residential education program for at-risk teen boys. Safe Harbor offers vocational programs focusing on maritime and other trades.