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What Would Jesus Do ~ What Can I Do?:

A Seven Week Study on Social Justice Issues



Student Workbook

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I. Introductory Lesson - Our Role In Co-Creating a Socially Just World

Opening

Welcome

Group Agreements and Details

Opening Prayer

Core Message

Why study social justice issues?

What do we mean by social justice?

Provide various definitions and viewpoints.

From Webster's New Millennium Dictionary of English – social justice is the distribution of advantages and disadvantages within a society.

How do we distribute advantages within our societies?

What is ours to do about disturbing situations in our community and world?

What tools do we have to determine our perfect level of involvement?

Introductory Activity

What are the social justice issues we are dealing with today? A scribe will document the group's ideas.

A Teaching Moment

Introduction to the six topics we will study:

1. Social Justice for Children or Parenting Is A Hard Job
2. Social Justice for Women
3. Feeding the Hungry – What is the Christian role?
4. Racism: Do We Still Carry It Within Us?

III. Social Justice for Women

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Let us not become comfortable and complacent for there is still much to be accomplished before women reach a status of equality in this country and beyond.

Scripture and Quotes

When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son! Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home. –John 19:26-27

The emotional, sexual, and psychological stereotyping of females begins when the doctor says: “It’s a girl.” --Shirley Chisolm

The true republic – men, their rights and nothing more; women, their rights and nothing less. – Susan B. Anthony

Other scripture or quotes from the group?

Key Ideas

- ⌘ Women in this country have not reached equal numbers in upper managerial jobs in most professions. Women still hit a glass ceiling that many cannot yet break through.
- ⌘ There are fewer women business owners in the country.
- ⌘ There are far fewer women business owners of Fortune 500 (or higher) companies.
- ⌘ Women do not have economic control in the majority of marriages or partnerships.
- ⌘ Women in America have not reached educational equity with their male counterparts.
- ⌘ Women’s careers suffer because they bear the children.
- ⌘ Women workers with education equal to males have not reached salary equity with their male counterparts.
- ⌘ Women are not elected to higher political office in the same numbers as men.