

SEEING WHAT GOD SEES

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Lesson Aim: To grow in our ability to see the world though the eyes of Jesus, and in our capacity to bring the life of Jesus to those less fortunate.



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Prayer: Start your time together by asking the Holy Spirit to lead your discussion.

Icebreaker: Share a situation when you learned about something for the first time.

- 1. Do you ever lose sight of the fact that God wants to use you for His purposes in the world? What are some reasons for that?
- 2. **Read Micah 6:8.** In his message Sunday, Tom Davis highlighted the fact that God requires us to "act justly"; that God wants justice to be a verb, not a noun in our lives (to confront injustice; relieve inequalities and pain; stand up for those who need us to be a voice). Have you ever been in a situation where you wanted to "do justice" but felt helpless? What was it and why?
- 3. Have you ever had the opportunity to "do justice"? Share about it with the group.
- 4. God also requires us to "love mercy." **Read Mark 1:40-45.** This is just one example of how Jesus was filled with compassion and loved to show mercy to those around Him who were hurting. Why is it important that the compassion and mercy of Jesus includes both empathy and action?
- 5. Read *Not for Sale* excerpts: Pages 1-3, pages 26-27("Chan's story") and page 147 ("Trafficking Orphans"). How do these facts make you feel?
- 6. God also requires us to "walk humbly" (to live carefully and thoughtfully; bringing our lives into conformity with God's will). One way to do this is described in the book of James. **Read James 1:27**. Is it easier for you to keep yourself from being polluted by the world or to look after orphans and widows? Why?
- 7. When was the last time you were able to make a concerted effort to reach out to a widow or an orphan? Are there any opportunities you have for this in the present or near future?
- 8. **Read John 10:10.** What are some ways Satan is stealing, killing and destroying in the world today (especially as it relates to last Sunday's message)?
- 9. We cannot change the world overnight, but we can do something. What are some ways Jesus can use you and/or your LifeGroup to bring His life (especially as it relates to last Sunday's message)?







Close in prayer as the Holy Spirit leads you. Include in your prayer time an aspect of what Tom Davis has called *The Dangerous Prayer*: "God, break our hearts for the things that break Your heart."

This **LifeGroup** Study Guide is designed to help you apply Sunday's message. You can do this homework on your own; however we encourage you to check out our warm and friendly message-based **LifeGroups**! Get a copy of this Study Guide at theBridgeFresno.com by clicking on the "Resources" link.



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