

## LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

**Message Series:** Stand-Alone Sermon  
**Message Title:** Orphan Care Sunday  
**Speaker:** Lance Burch, Carl Robanske  
**Date:** November 6, 2016

### UP NEXT

- **Operation Christmas Child boxes are available in the lobby. Our goal this year is 800 boxes.**
- **Baptism Sunday is November 20<sup>th</sup>. If you or someone you know would like to be baptized please register online.**

### MAIN IDEA .....

Not everyone is called to adopt or foster, but everyone is called to care.

### INTRODUCTION .....

- Share any highlights from the interview with Carl Robanske (from Embracing Orphans) that made an impact on you.
- Share any highlights from Destiny's Story Video that made an impact on you.
- Share any highlights from the sermon that made an impact on you.

### DISCUSSION .....

- How does a crisis so big (143,000,000 orphans), struggle to reach the church's radar?
- Have someone read the following verses...
  - **Deuteronomy 10:18**
  - **Hosea 14:3**
  - **Psalms 68:5-6**
- When you read these verses how do they speak to you about **God's heart for the Fatherless?**
- Could *Fatherless* mean anything else in our culture besides the obvious definition?
- Why do you think God so often mentions the "fatherless/orphans" and "widows" when speaking of people that He especially cares about?
- Have someone read the following verses...
  - **Romans 9:26**
  - **Romans 8:15-16**
  - **Galatians 4:6-7**
- When you read these verses how do they speak to you about **God's heart for us?**
- Have someone read the following verses...
  - **Psalms 82:3**
  - **Isaiah 1:17**
  - **James 1:27**

- When you read these verses how do they speak to you about **God's call to us?**
- If you've had opportunities to care for an orphan or other vulnerable child, share how this experience impacted you.

## **APPLY IT** .....

- Lance challenged us all to CARE in these ways. **Which do you see yourself responding with?**
  - Get informed
  - Pray
  - Support through
    - Respite care
    - Baby sitting (free)
    - Giving financially
    - Listening & don't judge
  - Adopt, Foster, Sponsor

## **NEXT STEPS** .....

- If you are interested in going to Jamaica this next Spring Break please contact [roger.graber@reality.church](mailto:roger.graber@reality.church)