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God's Heart for the Poor & Vulnerable
#2 of 3, Oct. 23, 2016

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 - How has the Gospel been a **Blessing** to you this week?
 - What are you hearing from God as you **Listen** to the Spirit & read God's Word, the Bible?
 - Who have you had an opportunity to **Eat** with this week to build relationship?
 - Who has God led you to **Serve** this week?
 - In what ways have you been able to **Share** about Jesus this week?
2. What was most helpful about this message? What insights did you glean? What questions did this message raise for you?
3. Have you experienced poverty and vulnerability in some way? What was this like for you? What did you learn from this experience?
4. Read Psalm 68:4-5 and Proverbs 14:21. In what ways does God identify with the poor and vulnerable? Why do you think God allows Himself to be identified with the poor and vulnerable?
5. Read 2 Cor. 8:9. In what ways did Jesus become poor and vulnerable for us? What does it mean for us to become rich from Jesus' poverty? How does the Gospel impact the way we live?
6. Read James 2:14-17 and 1 John 3:16-18. What do these passage say in regard to making our faith real and effective? How does this relate to how we engage with the poor and vulnerable? What is God saying to you in this regard?
7. In what way is God asking you to love and serve the poor and vulnerable? How will you live this out as families and as an Impact Community?



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SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message

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With Ryan Dawson, Lead Pastor
October 23, 2016



Big Idea: We most reflect God when we love the poor and vulnerable.

God has a heart for the poor and vulnerable.

Deuteronomy 10:18-20

¹⁸ He ensures that orphans and widows receive justice. He shows love to the foreigners living among you and gives them food and clothing. ¹⁹ So you, too, must show love to foreigners, for you yourselves were once foreigners in the land of Egypt. ²⁰ You must fear the Lord your God and worship him and cling to him. Your oaths must be in his name alone.

God identifies with the poor & vulnerable.

Psalms 68:4-5 Sing praises to God and to his name! Sing loud praises to him who rides the clouds. His name is the Lord— rejoice in his presence!

⁵ Father to the fatherless, defender of widows—this is God, whose dwelling is holy.

Proverbs 14:21 “Those who oppress the poor insult their Maker but helping the poor honours him.”

2 Corinthians 8:9 “You know the generous grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty he could make you rich.”

Jesus became vulnerable so we can love & serve the poor and vulnerable.

James 2:14-17

1 John 3:16-18

How will you love the poor and vulnerable?

The Translation of the Bible Scriptures used in today's 10:10 service are from the New Living Translation (NLT).