

Week 3 - How to Help Save the World

1. In what ways do you see that the world needs saving?
Leaders Note: This is a very general question, open to a variety of answers. Encourage folks to share and let them know that there aren't any "wrong" answers.
2. Share a story that you know of (personal, historical, viral social media story) where one person's actions made a great, positive impact (maybe even life changing).
Leaders Note: This, hopefully, should be fun. With social media, there are countless stories of things people have done for the homeless, or a person walking to work, and when their boss finds out, saves up money for them and buys them a car, etc. Maybe look up one of those stories ahead of time so you'll have something to share. If you personally know of someone or some story, that is even better. The ultimate goal is to emphasize that everyday people (just like you and me) can make great impact in the world if we just "do something."
3. Let's call these folks who have made great positive impact, heroes. That said, answer the following two questions:
 1. What makes a hero a hero?
Leaders Note: This is just to get people talking. The variety of answer might be surprising and make for great follow up conversation. Ultimately, the goal is simply to identify characteristics that we all have. Not "super hero," but "hero," regular human beings who decided to simply do something to make a difference in the lives of others.
 2. Why don't you think there are more heroes in the world?
Leaders Note: The idea here is that folks will ultimately realize that the only difference between someone who is a hero and someone who is not, is simply the one who is a hero did something. If more people actually realized that their act, no matter how big or small, matters, there would be more heroes.
4. During the sermon, Pastor Hank said, "God's call to join Him in saving the world can be answered with a deliberate yes or a passive no." Can you share a time where you responded to God with either a deliberate yes or a passive no?
Leaders Note: This may be difficult for some to answer without "pumping the primer," or getting their mind going. That said, if you are prepared to answer this first if necessary, (but always give an opportunity for others first), that would help tremendously. The goal here is to simply get us to realize that silence, or lack of action, is in fact, an answer and an action. A half-hearted "I'll think about it..." or "Maybe I'll sign up..." is equivalent to a no, it's just less honest. I'm reminded of Matthew 5:37 which reminds us to let our yes be yes, and our no be no. This Scripture is about much more than simply don't "swear by a name." It's also very much a command that we be people of our word and do what we say we are going to do.
5. During the sermon, Pastor Hank shared this quote from the founder of World Vision, "Let my heart be broken with the things that break the heart of God." What things do you think break the heart of God?
 1. *Leaders Note: This is another good question that has a variety of answers that might lead to great conversation and prayer. The goal here is to identify some of these things and analyze whether our heart breaks for these things or not, because as followers of Christ, it should. David was described as "a man after God's own heart." (Acts 13:22, 1 Samuel 13:14). Shouldn't we strive to be described the same way?*
6. Now that we have acknowledged a few things that break the heart of God, what can be done (usually starting with one person) to effect change in those areas?

Leaders Note: Here is the practical piece. This leads into the next question as well. Once we start identifying some of these things (problems), then we can start talking solutions, and solutions require a “hero,” or simply someone who decides to finally “do something.” So for this question, hopefully folks will think of potential issues and ways to solve them. If you feel led, it might be wise to bring up that often time the answer to the problem is given to the person that God has chosen to solve it. For example, whoever may say, “We need more workers in Coastal Kids,” maybe God revealed that to them so that they can do their part and be a part of the solution.

7. What is your next step to IMPACT the community and potentially save the world?

Leaders Note: Challenge your group to think of their next practical step, you share yours as well, and use that information to keep each other accountable in making a difference and having a lasting impact in this world.