

Hope in Action

WEEK 2 – A WAY OUT

BIG IDEA:

Whenever you use what you have to empower others - you are actually using your resources for Jesus. Part of the mission of the church is to empower those that are in poverty to not just have a meal, but to have the ability to get out of poverty. I think many of us want to help, but we really don't know where to start.

KEY VERSE:

1 John 3:17-18 – “If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.”

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What is poverty and how should we respond to it?
2. What impact could the church have if everyone was involved? What role has God called you to fill?

Key Point #1: Those truly in poverty define it as a mindset

3. How do you help someone change the way they think and see themselves?

Key Point #2: People don't need a handout, they need a way out

Key Point #3: The root of all poverty is brokenness

4. How do we mend the brokenness that exists in the world? In ourselves? In others?

Key Point #4: Understand we are all called

5. What does it look like for you to be involved at Hope Church? What's a step that you could take to get more involved in the mission of Hope Church?
6. “No one would remember the good Samaritan if he'd only had good intentions, he had money as well.” Margaret Thatcher. What does this quote mean to you? What does it mean to give big?
7. Is there an organization that you are particularly passionate about? Share with the group why and how you support that organization.

MOVING FORWARD:

The world won't change from our intentions or even our time, it'll change when we get serious about our resources. Our call to action is for each of us to change our mindset, so we can help others change the mindset of others. As a group, discuss what that would mean for you and your family. While this is something we want to be individually led by the Holy Spirit to determine, it can be practically helpful to others in the group to talk about what this looks like.