



LIFEGROUPS

Sermon title:
Transforming Lives and Communities
Scripture: Matthew 9:35-10:1
Date: Oct. 31, & Nov. 1, 2015

Don't feel pressured to cover every single question.
Feel free to disagree with and discuss any statement in the "Let's Review" section.

Let's Talk

- What was it like praying for, serving, or sharing your faith with a person on your Adopt 7?

Let's Review

- We live in a broken, dysfunctional, and upside-down world.
- Jesus came to show us what a right-side-up world looks like.
- Until He returns, we are to be Christ and His transformation to the world.
- When God sees the broken and sinful masses, He responds with Kingdom Compassion.
- God has taken responsibility for the brokenness of the world. We must also take up this Kingdom Responsibility.

Let's Dig

- What are some of the greatest challenges in the world today?
- When you hear about something bad in the news, where does it hit you? Your head, heart, or guts?
- Humans have enormously progressed in scientific knowledge and ability throughout history. Why don't we see the same progression in moral knowledge and ability?
- What would you say to someone who says that God doesn't do anything to fix the brokenness in our world?
- Read Matthew 9:9-13 and 15:29-39 and talk about standing on "the bridge" (Jesus).
 - a. Who is Jesus a bridge for and who are those people in your life today?
 - b. What is Jesus' reaction to the neediness of the masses? What does He do when the disciples claim that the needs cannot be met?
 - c. How does the crowd respond to Jesus' healing and what does that tell us about how we are to meet the needs of others?
- Read Matthew 5:38-48 and 23:1-14 and talk about individual and systematic injustice.
 - a. What is Jesus' prescription for confronting evil on an individual basis in Matt. 5?
 - b. How does Jesus react to the systematic injustice of the Pharisees in Matt. 23?
 - c. What does this mean for how we confront individual and systematic injustice?
- Read John 11:32-44 and talk about the head (knowledge), the heart (feelings), and guts.
 - a. What does it mean for one to be hit in the guts?
 - b. What would it have looked like if Jesus only responded with his head or heart?
 - c. How do our "guts" go beyond knowledge and feelings?

Let's Act

- In the "Serve" section of the "Get Involved" tab on Wooddale's website, you can find a multitude of ways that Wooddale is working to be Christ in our community. Check out those opportunities and pick one to try that interests you!

