



Saturday, April 16, 2016

Post-Project Reflections for Small Groups

DISCUSS –

What has happened today that has *surprised* you?

What has happened today that has *touched* you?

What has happened today that has *inspired* you?

Where have you seen God today?

READ TOGETHER –

*“Returning violence for violence multiplies violence,
adding deeper darkness to a night already devoid of stars.*

Darkness cannot drive out darkness:

only light can do that.

Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that.”

- Martin Luther King, Jr.

REFLECT –

What does Martin Luther King, Jr. mean? What does “Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that” mean?

If we are to make the world a better place, what can we learn from Martin Luther King, Jr.'s words here?

READ TOGETHER –

[Jesus said to them,] “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

- Matthew 5:14-16

REFLECT –

Sometimes we talk about Jesus as “the Light of the world”. What does it mean that Jesus says here, “*YOU are the light of the world*”?

How can we “be the light” of God’s love in a dark and hurting world? Does this sound like something that is “too big” for us to be able to do?

What does it mean that Jesus tells us that we *really are* the light of the world? What does that say about what *God* believes we are capable of?

In what ways can you take this experience home to bring light into people’s lives each day?

PRAY –

As a small group share your joys, concerns, anxiety, and hopes from the day. Is there anything upon your heart from your experiences today? Anyone that you met? Anything that you saw or did? Are there any concerns from your life at home or at school that you would like us to lift up in prayer together? Share your prayer concerns with one another in conversation, then join hands and pray for yourselves and one another.

“Dear Lord, we have come here today to open ourselves to you and to all those in need. Hear us as we pray...

... We lift up all these prayers to you, Lord. In Jesus name, Amen.”