

SOMETHING NEEDS TO CHANGE



A Call to Make Your Life Count
in a World of Urgent Need

DISCUSSION GUIDE #1: INTRODUCTION

START

- On a scale of 1 to 10, how much do you like change?
- What is the furthest you have traveled away from home? How did it change you?

TEACHING NOTES: *Something's Needs to Change*: Introduction

DISCUSS

- Describe what David called the "collision of urgent needs."
- Many struggle with the idea that God would allow people to spend eternity in darkness, away from him. How have you answered that question for yourself?
- Describe a time when you came face to face with a challenge to your faith. How did you resolve it, or have you?
- Read Luke 1:1-4. What words does Luke use to describe his book, which we call the Gospel of Luke? Why do you think this introduction Luke writes is important?
- Many in our world question the reliability of the Bible. How have you struggled with this challenge? Why is reliability important?
- Do you think it is important to allow the Word of God to direct changes we make in our lives? Why or why not?

PRAYER

- Your group is encouraged to pray for the people of the Himalayas, as we go through this study. Here are some facts about that region: Less than half of 1% of the villagers in the Himalayas know Jesus. Many have never even heard His name. More than 98% of the inhabitants of the Himalayas would describe themselves as Buddhist. However, in addition to Buddhism, their religious beliefs contain a mixture of magic, divination, demon worship, and sacrifices. However, many dialects spoken by Tibetan Buddhists have access to a full translation of the Scriptures.
- Make a list of 3 people in your life that need to know Jesus, and share this with your group. Pray that God would help something change for them as well, as we go through this study.

SOAP JOURNAL EXERCISE WEEK 1

Read: Luke 2

S - Scripture - Choose one verse from the scripture above and hand write it below.

O - Observation - Describe in your own words what you think the verse is saying. Explore words and phrases and try to put down what you “see” in this verse. You can even re-write the verse in your own words.

A - Application - Write down what you should do because of what this verse says. It may be something you need to keep doing, stop doing, or start new. Make it as detailed and specific as possible.

P - Prayer - Write a prayer thanking God for speaking to you, and ask him to help you focus on what he has said and what you should do.