

SOMETHING NEEDS TO CHANGE



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

DISCUSSION GUIDE #2: SESSION 1-REPENTANCE

START

- Share you SOAP Journal entry from this last week.
- Have you ever gone on a Mission Trip to another country? What was that experience like?
- Describe a time in your life when you observed an urgent spiritual need. How did that experience affect you?

TEACHING NOTES: Day 1: Arrival

DISCUSS

- Review Luke 3:1-18. Who has challenged you to make a change in your life, similar to John the Baptist's message to the Jews?
- John the Baptist proclaimed a message of repentance (v. 3). What does it mean to repent? Why is true repentance more than doing religious activity?
- How are repentance and action connected (see vs 8-9)?
- How do verses 4-6 describe the picture of the hope that we have access to God?
- Look again at verses 9 and 17. How did John describe the coming judgment of Christ? What does this kind of language teach us?
- How does the reality of impending judgment increase the urgency to take the gospel to the ends of the earth?
- How has the "good news" brought changes to your life? How can your group help your actions reflect your repentance?

PRAYER

- Pray to be able to show the actions that reflect your repentance.
- Pray for the people of the Himalayas and your list of three.

SOAP JOURNAL EXERCISE WEEK 2

Read: Isaiah 40

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.