

## Group Meeting

### Welcome!

Welcome to Session 8 of *Believe*. If there are any new members in your group, take a moment to introduce yourselves to each other. Then spend a couple of minutes sharing insights or questions about this session's personal study. Now start the video!

#### VIDEO TEACHING NOTES

*As you watch the video segment for Session 8, use the following outline to record some of the main points. (The answer key is found at the end of the session.)*

- Key Question: What about the poor and \_\_\_\_\_?
- Key Idea: I believe God calls all Christians to show \_\_\_\_\_ to people in need.
- Key Verse: "\_\_\_\_\_ the weak and the fatherless; uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed. \_\_\_\_\_ the weak and the needy; \_\_\_\_\_ them from the hand of the wicked." (Psalm 82:3-4)
- "Religion that God our Father \_\_\_\_\_ as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress." (James 1:27)
- The right question is not "Who is my neighbor?" but "Who \_\_\_\_\_ to be a neighbor?"
- As a Christian, the plight of the poor, oppressed, abandoned and needy is \_\_\_\_\_ problem.
- (Key Application) I will do unto others, as I would have \_\_\_\_\_ do unto me.
- (Key Application) People do not \_\_\_\_\_ how much I know, until they know how much I care.
- When people cry out, "Where is God when it comes to the poor and injustice on the earth?" the answer should be, "Look at God's people. They are right in the \_\_\_\_\_ of it."



**CASE STUDY**

*Use the following case study as a model for a real-life situation where you might put this week's Key Idea into practice.*

Cassandra has worked hard to get where she is in life. She grew up in a big family with a meager income but has found a way to be successful despite her modest beginnings. You have been working out together for two years. Before you leave the gym, you always end your time in prayer together. A few days ago, she told you about her brother who has fallen on hard times. She has been avoiding his calls because she doesn't know what to say or how to "fix" his financial problems.

*Using the Key Applications from this session, what practical advice would you give Cassandra? (If needed, refer to your video notes for a reminder of this session's Key Applications.)*

**CLOSING PRAYER**

Close your time together with prayer. Share your prayer requests with one another. Ask God to help you put this week's Key Idea into practice.

**JOURNAL**

If your church is doing the *Believe* church-wide campaign, bring this study guide v you to church and use the following space to take notes from the pastor's or teacher message. If your church provides an outline, consider keeping it with this guide so will have all of your notes and thoughts from your *Believe* journey in one place.

Lined journal space for taking notes.

**VIDEO NOTES ANSWER KEY**

injustice / compassion / Defend, Rescue, deliver / accepts / proved / my / them / c middle