

ACTION - Action in Caring for the Vulnerable

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Conversation Guide:

- ◆ Read **James 1:26-27**. In the context of this verse, what does “religion” mean to you? Why do you think it’s so important to God that His church looks after “the orphans and widows”?
- ◆ Wini shared the story of her friend, Renee, who supported her through a difficult time in her life. Can you recall a time when a friend supported you during a difficult time? What difference did that make for you? Is there someone in your life who’s going through a difficult time? How can you journey with them?
- ◆ Read **Psalms 82:3-4**. What’s the difference between donating or giving money to “the poor” and having personal contact with those who are vulnerable or marginalized in our society? Why is that personal connection necessary? How does having a relationship with God enable having a relationship with the vulnerable or marginalized?
- ◆ We are called to be the “heart, hands, and feet” of Jesus. At TC, we say that we are “living on mission.” How can you live on mission in your home? At work? At school? In the community?
- ◆ Read **Matthew 25:35-40**. Who are the least of these in your sphere of influence? What are practical ways to walk with them?
- ◆ Keep in mind: **Upward** (keep your worship vertical), **Inward** (Don’t deceive yourself), **Outward** (Pray for the eyes of Christ).

Soul-tattoo: Prayerfully read the book of James. Participate in bringing hope, healing, unity, and justice to our community.

Think about and discuss how your small group can take action to care for the vulnerable in our community. Maybe serve as a group with Backpack Meals. Maybe a group member knows of someone in the hospital in need of love and support. Brainstorm, think, pray, discuss...and then take action.