



## Community Group Leader Guide Week 7

This week, we focused on our calling to identify and respond to the pain and needs of our “neighbors”. When we stop and notice it, it’s all around us in broken relationships, broken hearts, broken systems, and broken lives. When our faith is oriented properly (towards loving others), our faith-in-action has the ability to change the world - even one person at a time. Let’s talk about it together.

### Schedule

1. Gather & Eat (30 mins)
2. Welcome & Icebreaker (5-10 mins)
3. Discussion (30-40 mins)
4. Closing & Prayer (5-10 mins)

### Ice Breaker

How do you prefer your ice broken: cubed? crushed? slushed? those teeny ice balls? slivers?

### Questions

1. Read the last paragraph on pg.125 and reflect on the Isaiah 58 passage above it.
  - a. Who is someone who is not “checking boxes” but is actually “joining God in His redemptive purposes of serving the least of these”? How are they doing it?
  - b. How have you neglected God’s mission in favor of “checking boxes”?
2. Can you think of modern day examples of “burnt/grain offerings” (ie, well-meaning religious practices that “check the box” and so distract from the real mission)?
3. How might you be called to “fight for justice and righteousness”?
4. How do people put a greater value on themselves than on serving others? How do people do the opposite?
5. Which relationships do you have a hard time being humble in? How could you obey God’s calling and become a servant in those relationships?
6. Re-read James 2:14-17. What do we learn about the relationship between faith and works?
7. Be honest and vulnerable: where is your faith not successfully resulting in action? Where is it more successfully resulting in action?
8. What changes would our “neighbors” experience if we were more of a faith-in-action people?

### Notes

- Review this guide and the Facilitator Guide/Questions (pgs. 141-3) before your night.
- Use the prayer prompt from the Facilitator Guide for your prayer time at the end.

### Announcements

- If anyone couldn’t serve on Serve Saturday and wants to, they can serve with HABcore this Saturday instead. Have them contact Matt Agresti ([matt.agresti@parkchurchnj.com](mailto:matt.agresti@parkchurchnj.com)).