

Small Group Curriculum • Love Local

Love Local • Week 2 • Local Community

We are a part of a restorative work as Christ followers, ushering in God's kingdom. What does it look like for us to truly be the hands and feet of Jesus, seeking justice for the vulnerable in our community?

REMINDERS

- Join the City Team Coat Drive here: <https://awakeningchurch.com/events/coat-drive/>
- Join the Food Pantry Team here: <https://awakeningchurch.com/events/local-outreach-del-mar-food-pantry/> or the Pop Up Closet Team here: <https://awakeningchurch.com/events/pop-up-closet-serving-opportunity/>
- Help us meet the needs of our Del Mar High School families here: <https://awakeningchurch.com/events/del-mar-giving-fund/>

ICEBREAKER

- Tell about a time you experienced justice, mercy, or grace. What happened? What did you "deserve"? What did you get? How did that impact you?

DISCUSSION

DISCUSS:

- What stuck out to you most about Sunday's teaching and interview regarding the local opportunities for kingdom impact? How were you most challenged?
- John 1:14 says Jesus "*became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighborhood.*" (The Message). What does God coming down to us tell us about his nature?
- What would it look like for Jesus to move into the neighborhoods of San Jose?
- Acts 2:45 reads that the early church "*sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need.*" (NIV). When the early church gave to the poor, what do you think it communicated to the rest of the world?
- What is your process in asking God to guide you in giving and above-and-beyond gifts?

RESPONSE:

- 1 Peter 4:10 says, "*Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.*" How can God's grace ("unmerited or undeserved favor") be transferred through us when we use our gifts and resources to help others?
- When it comes to the needs of the unhoused, how could we leverage our gifts to help bring God's grace to them through our [City Team](#) partnership?
- What can you potentially surrender for this year's [Del Mar Giving Fund](#)? What will be your process to determine the amount?



AWAKENING

Transition: We desire our small groups at Awakening to regularly experience relational connection, biblical study, and also prayer, taking our praise, requests, and confessions to God.

PRAYER

Ask God to move in the hearts of our people to surrender their time, talent, and treasure towards God's redemptive and restorative purposes.