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**Difference Makers**  
*A Study on Social Issues*

**A Guide for Parents**

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**Session 1**  
**Social Ills**  
**Matthew 5:13-16**

## **THE QUESTION**

Why should we care about social issues?

## **THE POINT**

We are in the world to make a difference.

## **DISCUSSION STARTERS**

- > What would you say are the biggest social problems in the world?
- > What is salt used for? What does it mean that you are to be the salt of the world?
- > How much of Christ's flavor do you provide for the world around you each day?
- > Where is the darkest place you have ever been?
- > What does it mean for you to be light in a darkened world?
- > How much light do you produce so others can see Jesus?
- > In what ways do you make a difference in the world when you are the salt and light of Jesus?

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**Session 2**  
**Helping Others**  
**Proverbs 14:21,31; 19:17; Matthew 25:35-40**

## **THE QUESTION**

Why should we help the poor?

## **THE POINT**

God wants to use us to meet their needs.

## **DISCUSSION STARTERS**

- > What does it really mean to be poor?
- > Who do you know who fits the definition of poor?
- > What does the Bible say we are to do about helping others?
- > When you help someone, describe the feeling you get as a result of it.
- > In what ways does it honor God when you help others who are less fortunate than you?
- > What do you think your reward is going to be from Jesus based on how you have helped others?
- > What are some ministry ideas you have for helping the poor?

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**Session 3**  
**Marriage by Design**  
**Genesis 2:22-24; Romans 1:24-28**

## **THE QUESTION**

Why is same-sex marriage such a big deal?

## **THE POINT**

It goes against God's design.

## **DISCUSSION STARTERS**

- > What are your thoughts about marriage? What are your thoughts about same-sex marriage?
- > Why did God design marriage to be one man and one woman?
- > In what ways do we go against God's design by allowing same-sex marriages?
- > In what ways do same-sex marriages go against God's desire for us to live holy lives?
- > What are some things you can do to stand on God's truth when you are facing this issue?

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**Session 4**  
**Racial Lines**  
**Acts 17:24-26; Romans 10:11-13; Galatians 5:13-15**

## **THE QUESTION**

Why is racism wrong?

## **THE POINT**

All people are created in the image of God.

## **DISCUSSION STARTERS**

- > How would you define racism?
- > In what ways does racism exist in our community? your school?
- > Why do you think racism exists in the first place?
- > How does knowing that God created everyone take racism out of the equation?
- > How does loving others as we love ourselves help do away with racism?
- > What difference can you make in your community or school to help end racism?