

Lesson 12 / February 21, 2010

Desperately Deep Needs

for use as

STEP 1

Lesson 12

Focus:

Only Jesus can fulfill
your deepest needs.

Lesson 12

Bible Basis:

Luke 9:12-17; John
6:33-35

Students will reflect on the recent tragedy in Haiti and contemplate how Jesus promises to meet our deepest needs.

Materials:

- a computer with Internet access (optional)

Ask students the following questions related to the 7.0 magnitude earthquake that hit Haiti's capital city, Port-Au-Prince, on January 12, 2010. (You might show a video of the devastation. Numerous video clips are available online including the link listed below. Preview this clip, or any video to make sure it is appropriate for your class.)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8IySBl2aq-A>

- ▶ **What was your reaction when you first heard about the earthquake or saw footage of the destruction on television or on the Internet?**
- ▶ **How did you feel when you heard stories of the amazing rescues?**
- ▶ **How does it make you feel about the fact that it has taken a lot of time to make significant progress in Haiti since the devastating earthquake?**
- ▶ **Would any of you share what you have done or given in response to the disaster?** (*Invite volunteers to share. Do not call on various individuals to answer this question.*)

There are many needs in Haiti, but let's see how one ministry is trying to provide housing for the Haitian people. (The excerpts in the following article are from Habitat for Humanity International's Website. It explains the urgent need for housing in Haiti and shows how Habitat for Humanity International is preparing to meet this need. The article begins with a little background information about the ministry.)

Habitat for Humanity International is an ecumenical Christian ministry giving tangible expression to God's love by eliminating poverty housing. Since its founding in 1976, Habitat has built, rehabilitated, repaired or improved more than 300,000 houses worldwide, providing simple, decent and affordable shelter for more than 1.75 million people.

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Memory Verse

And my God will meet
all your needs
according to his
glorious riches in
Christ Jesus.
—Philippians 4:19

Habitat has already been at work in Haiti for 26 years. Prior to the earthquake over 2,000 Haitian people had been provided with homes or assistance through this ministry.

It is currently estimated that over 3 million Haitians have been affected by the earthquake. Habitat for Humanity has been working around the clock to help the Haitian people who have lost their homes in this devastating earthquake. Watch the following video to see the type of homes Habitat is planning to build for the Haitian people.

habitat.org/videogallery/FlaVideo/VidPlayer640x480.aspx?video=Haiti_CoreHouse.f4v

Recovery from the Haitian earthquake must include safe housing. The people of Haiti are in desperate need for shelter. This is one of the basic needs that must be met to rebuild their country. But they, like all people, also have many other needs. In today's lesson we'll take a look at some of the needs we all have and learn how Jesus can meet them.

[Continue on to Steps 2 and 3 in your *High School Teacher's Guide*; your Step 4 appears below.]

Source:

habitat.org/newsroom/2010archive/01_13_2010_Haiti_Earthquake.aspx

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STEP 4

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Memory Verse

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Students will contemplate their own spiritual condition and plan ways to meet the needs of others.

Materials:

- index cards
- pencils

As we saw in Step 1, there is a deep need among the people of Haiti. The people there are desperate for shelter, as well as clothes, clean water, and food.

As the people of Haiti wait for their physical needs to be met, we are reminded of our own needs. Although our nation is currently going through a recession, most of us have the basic necessities for life. But these pale in comparison to our spiritual need for Jesus.

In our lesson today, we learned that some of the 5,000 who were fed by Jesus began to see Him as a miracle worker who could meet their physical needs. Even though Jesus cared about their physical needs, His true purpose was to meet their spiritual needs as the Bread of Life (John 6:33-35).

Pass out the index cards and pencils. Ask students to take a moment and write down on their index card three physical needs they have and three spiritual needs they have. Then ask the following questions.

- 1** How can our memory verse be an encouragement to you as you think about the physical and spiritual needs that you have in your life?
- 2** What are some ways you can help meet the needs of other people this week?
- 3** Knowing Jesus is the deepest spiritual need we all have. Who can you reach out to this week that doesn't know Jesus? (*Have students think about this quietly, but not answer it out loud.*)

End the class by asking students to pray on their own for the needs that they wrote on their index card. Then encourage them to pray for their friends who don't know Jesus.

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