

OPTIONS

Use these options to supplement and enhance the group plans on the previous pages.

MUSIC

Prior to the session, acquire a recording and the lyrics of “I Repent” by David Noel, Steve Green, and Phil Nash. Play the song in the background as the group arrives. At the conclusion of the group time, return to the song and read aloud the lyrics.

INTERVIEW

Prior to the session, develop three to five questions that a reporter might ask of Amos based on Amos 4:1-14. Pre-enlist two volunteers—one to ask the questions and the other to respond to the questions as he or she believes Amos would. Encourage the interviewee to involve the rest of the group as needed.

DISCUSSION

Emphasize the Key Doctrine: *The Christian and Social Order*. We should work to provide for the orphaned, the needy, the abused, the aged, the helpless, and the sick. (PSG, p. 22) Create teams of two to four persons. Instruct each team to read together Deuteronomy 10:18 and James 1:27, and discuss: ***How does a person’s treatment of others, especially those in need, indicate their spiritual condition?*** Guide the group to focus their hearts on God’s desire for us to be the champions of the oppressed. If time permits, direct each team to share key points from their discussions.

REFLECTIVE

Note cards and pencils

Distribute a note card and a pencil to each person. Direct individuals to write the numbers one through three on their note cards. Read aloud the following statements, instructing the group to evaluate themselves on each statement using a one to five scale, with one being infrequently and five being often:

- I exhibit compassion to people in need.
- I approach worship with a sincere heart that is evident in both attitude and action.
- I examine my own heart for areas in which I need to repent and act in obedience.

Guide the group to circle the lowest number they recorded. Reread the statements, directing each person to listen carefully for the one they identified as needing the most attention. Allow time for everyone to turn their note card over and write one action step they will take to more completely honor God’s expectations.

BIBLE SKILL

Bible dictionaries

Lead the group to complete the Bible Skill activity (PSG, p. 26). Provide Bible dictionaries and invite volunteers to read aloud the articles found or to present a summary of the articles. You may want to pre-enlist a person prior to the group time to present a summary of the articles.