

TRANSFORM LIVES

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APPETIZER – When I grow up ...

My vision for my life

Satisfaction

Significance

Security

DINE IN – Kingdom Vision

Vision for Our Life	Approach of Our Culture	Approach of God's Kingdom
Satisfaction	Self-centred choices	Other-centred choices
Significance	Guard my position	Elevate others & serve
Security	Protect my privileges Put my hope in them	Lay entitlements down Trust in Christ alone

"If you refuse to take up your cross and follow me, you are not worthy of being mine. If you cling to your life, you will lose it; but if you give up your life for me, you will find it." ~ Jesus

Matthew 10:38-39
Mark 8:34-36
Luke 9:23-27
John 12:24, 26

TAKE OUT – A Vision to Transform Lives

The vision of life I've been created for is to love others because God loves me and is at work in me. It's His love that is empowering me to lay my life down. As I surrender my life and care for others like He did, lives are transformed.

Next Steps

- Sponsor a child from Mposa and Chamba today!
- Write your child by December 15
- Let us know where you sponsor a child

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Some additional ways to get involved!

- Give to the Compassion Fund
 - o mission.themeetinghouse.com
- Pray about applying for Africa Learning Team
 - o themeetinghouse.com/africalearningteams
- Plan to attend EXCHANGE Event in February
 - o themeetinghouse.com/exchange

CONCLUSION

Matthew 25:41-46

MY SURRENDERED LIFE
+
GOD'S VISION
=
TRANSFORMED

*"I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these, my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me."
~ Jesus*



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HOME CHURCH QUESTIONS

HANGOUT [Warming Up to the Topic]

1. How would you explain to people why we think it's important to sponsor children? What do you think are the reasons why people don't want to sponsor children? Through your discussion if there are any questions that come up about World Vision's work, make a group call to World Vision and ask! (1.866.595.5550)

HEAR [Listening to God through Scripture]

2. Take time to discuss things that stood out to you from the message.
 - a) Take another look at the "Kingdom Vision" chart. Why is the "approach of the world" so enticing? Why is the "approach of the Kingdom" so difficult to live out? Which one of the three Kingdom approaches is most difficult for you and why? Share specific and personal examples of how you've experienced the full life by taking the Kingdom approach.
 - b) **Read John 13:3-5, 12-15, John 14:15-21, John 15:1-5, 9-13 and John 16:5-7.** These four chapters are where Jesus is addressing his disciples the day before he is crucified. What stands out to you in these passages? Practically speaking, what does it look like to "lay your life down" in daily life? What role does abiding in Jesus and being filled with his Spirit play in following Jesus and laying our lives down?
3. **Read Hebrews 12:1-3.** What tips does the author give us to keep the faith and follow Jesus? How does this complement the idea in John 15:1-5? What is the "joy set before Jesus" referring to? What does this look like for us as we live a life of service and sacrifice?

HUDDLE [Making It Personal and Praying Together]

4. What is one thing you feel like Jesus is asking you to lay down this week? How are you going to support and encourage each other as you do this?
5. What are your next steps in partnering with our global compassion initiatives? Sponsor a child? Write a letter? How will your huddle act very practically this week on these things?
Go to themeetinghouse.com/worldvision for all the info you'll need!

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QUOTES

In the cross we see the character of God.
– John Carroll

God's stance toward the world is quintessentially demonstrated in Christ and the action of his death.
– Charles Cousar

"The Biblical vision of universal restoration includes peace between God and humanity; enemies reconciled; disintegrated personalities healed; weapons of war decommissioned; injustice and oppression removed; communities flourishing; creation liberated from bondage; and the abolition of sickness and death. Peace is at the heart of the gospel because the mission of God is to bring peace to the whole of creation."
– Stuart Murray, *The Naked Anabaptist*

Imitate God, therefore, in everything you do, because you are his dear children.
– Ephesians 5:1