

# HOMELESSNESS - MSC 2.0 Guide

A Note to Leaders:

The following outline is meant to be a simple guide to help remind you of the components to incorporate into your weekly gatherings (A. Connect, B. Pray, C. See/Learn). The order in which you do things or the amount of time spent on a particular area is up to your discretion. This is time for you and your group to discern together what God is calling you towards, as individuals and/or as a group. Some may be ready and eager to take action. Others may want to keep learning more. We hope that the 2.0 Guide will not only help to keep these topics on our radar and deepen our learning, but also provide ample space to wait on God - to pay attention to what God is stirring in us - that we may be ready and willing to engage and serve our community as God guides us.

I am so grateful for each of you seeking to continue this journey. If you ever have questions, thoughts, new ideas, or simply want to chat, please don't hesitate to reach out.

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## Weekly Gathering (approx. 90min)

### A. Connection (40min)

- Ice Breaker, warm-up question, or activity (optional)
- Check in & pray for one another
- Eat together (optional)

### B. PRAY (15-30 min)

>> Week 1

As we seek to go deeper, we want to begin by opening a time of prayer to seek God's guidance regarding next steps and further engagement.

Consider the potential "next steps" below and pay attention to what God may be stirring in you. What might you be feeling called towards (as an individual or as a group)?

- Volunteer with Compassion Planet
  - Individuals are welcome/encouraged to sign up to become a regular volunteer with Compassion Planet. For more info visit: <https://www.compassionplanet.org/get-involved>
  - Note: We are in discussion with this org on ways for a small group to get involved or to serve together on a semi regular basis.
- Volunteer with Loaves and Fishes
  - Groups or individuals can sign up to volunteer regularly. For more info visit: <https://sacloaves.org/join-the-community/#volunteer>
- Learn more about Homelessness and/or Foster Care in Placer County
- Engage or explore how to care for unhoused individuals you see on the street regularly (see the attached info regarding the **Observation/Encounter Journal** for one idea of what this could look like.)
- Other:
  - Are there other organizations you know about and want to volunteer or partner with?
  - Are there any other "next steps" or ways you want to engage this topic?

Spend time as a group discussing, praying, listening...

*(Optional Questions: What stands out to you? What questions do you have? What seems most challenging? What do you hope for? What is one action you can take in the next week? How can this small group support, encourage, or hold you accountable?)*

>> Week 2 (and beyond)

Continue to hold a time of prayer seeking God's guidance regarding next steps and further engagement.

Follow up regarding any action steps shared in previous weeks. Share any updates with your group or spend some time debriefing any encounters or experiences you may have had related to this topic.

(Optional Questions: What are you seeing? Who are you learning from? How are you serving? What stands out to you? What questions do you have? What seems most challenging? What do you hope for? What is one action you can take in the next week? How can this small group support, encourage, or hold you accountable?)

C. SEE/LEARN (20-30min)

To deepen our engagement, we need to continue to posture ourselves as humble learners and to allow what we are learning to challenge and to shape our hearts and minds.

Here are some recommendations on content for small groups to read and discuss together. This content is flexible for groups to "go at your own pace". Additionally reading can be done prior to meetings (in preparation for discussion) or can simply be read together at the time of meeting.

Recommended content for further learning and discussion:

- Loaves and Fishes: *The 36 Things* (attached)
- *Not So Simple: Observations on Poverty and People*, Brian Galetto (\$10)