

Resources Guide HOW CAN WE SERVE YOUR CHURCH?

At Water Street Ministries, we believe that God is glorified when the church fulfills its role as God's ordained agency for accomplishing His plans and purposes on this earth. With over 100 years of experience in serving individuals in poverty, we humbly desire to serve you, the Church, as you fulfill God's call to reach the poor.

Speaking & Teaching

VISION-DRIVEN MINISTRY

Jesus ministered as One who obeyed His Father rather than one driven by the 'press of the crowd!' If you find yourself or your staff breathless at the end of day, you might be allowing the overwhelming need to drive what you do. This presentation will offer principles about how we can minister well from vision rather than from reaction.

Lecture. 1 hour. Great for church staff.

GOD'S HEART ON POVERTY

It's often difficult to know how to minister with those in material poverty. Yet the Bible has much to say to us about the need to 'remember the poor' even as Jesus does! This presentation will illuminate God's concern for those in material poverty and suggest principles for how the helping person might come alongside these in a redemptive way.

Sermon. 20-60 minutes.

MINISTRY UPDATE

Hear first-hand how your church has been helping to change lives through Water Street Ministries.

10-60 minutes. Great for sermons, Sunday school, etc.

WHEN HELPING HURTS

Churches and individual Christians typically have faulty assumptions about the causes of poverty, resulting in the use of strategies that do considerable harm to poor people and themselves. 'When Helping Hurts' distinguishes between relief, rehabilitation and development when alleviating material poverty and suggests how to minister effectively when helping someone. The text 'When Helping Hurts' by Brian Fikkert and Steve Corbett is the reference for this series.

Guided discussion. 1-4 weeks. Great for church staff, adult Sunday school classes, etc.

THE CHURCH AND CULTURAL ENGAGEMENT

This presentation will provide perspective on how Christians could represent Christ in today's culture without fear, exploring how to be 'faithfully present' as salt and light in our communities.

Guided discussion. 1-4 weeks. Great for church staff, adult Sunday school classes, etc.

PRINCIPLES FOR HELPING PEOPLE

This interactive session will examine several passages of Scripture to discover practical principles that will help guide how we help those who hurt in a way that is actually helpful.

Guided discussion. 1 hour. Great for church staff, adult Sunday school classes, etc.

THE CHURCH AS A HEALING ENVIRONMENT

The Church should be a place where broken people experience the love of Christ as it is lived out through authentic relationships with each other. This presentation will highlight what a healing environment looks like and propose some principles that promote such an atmosphere in the Church.

Guided discussion. 1 hour. Great for church staff, adult Sunday school classes, etc.

Recommended Reading

For a list of suggested books with topics ranging from Addiction/Recovery to Leadership to Poverty Alleviation, visit: WaterStreetMinistries.org/Resources

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