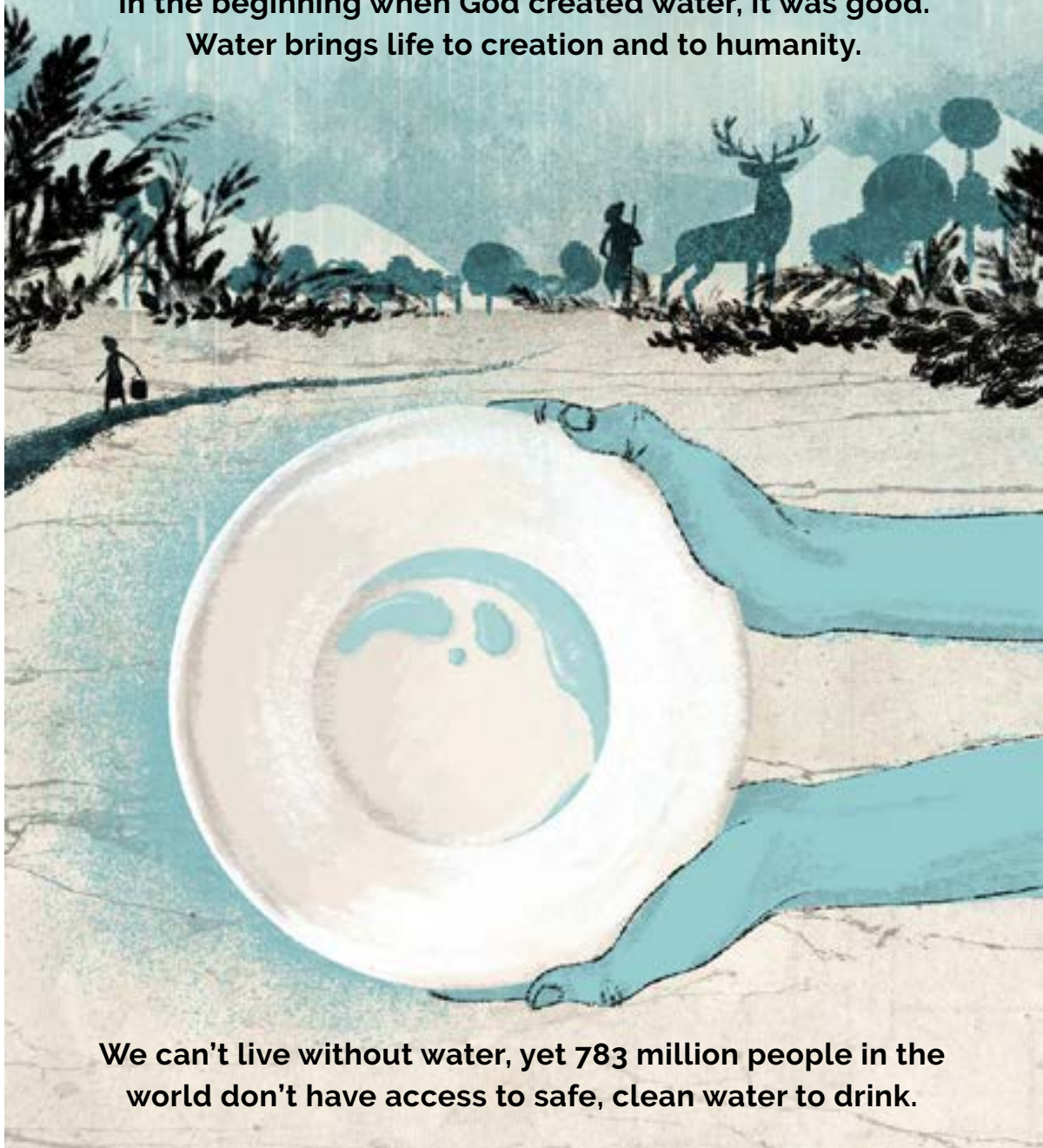


Just Water Weekend Kit

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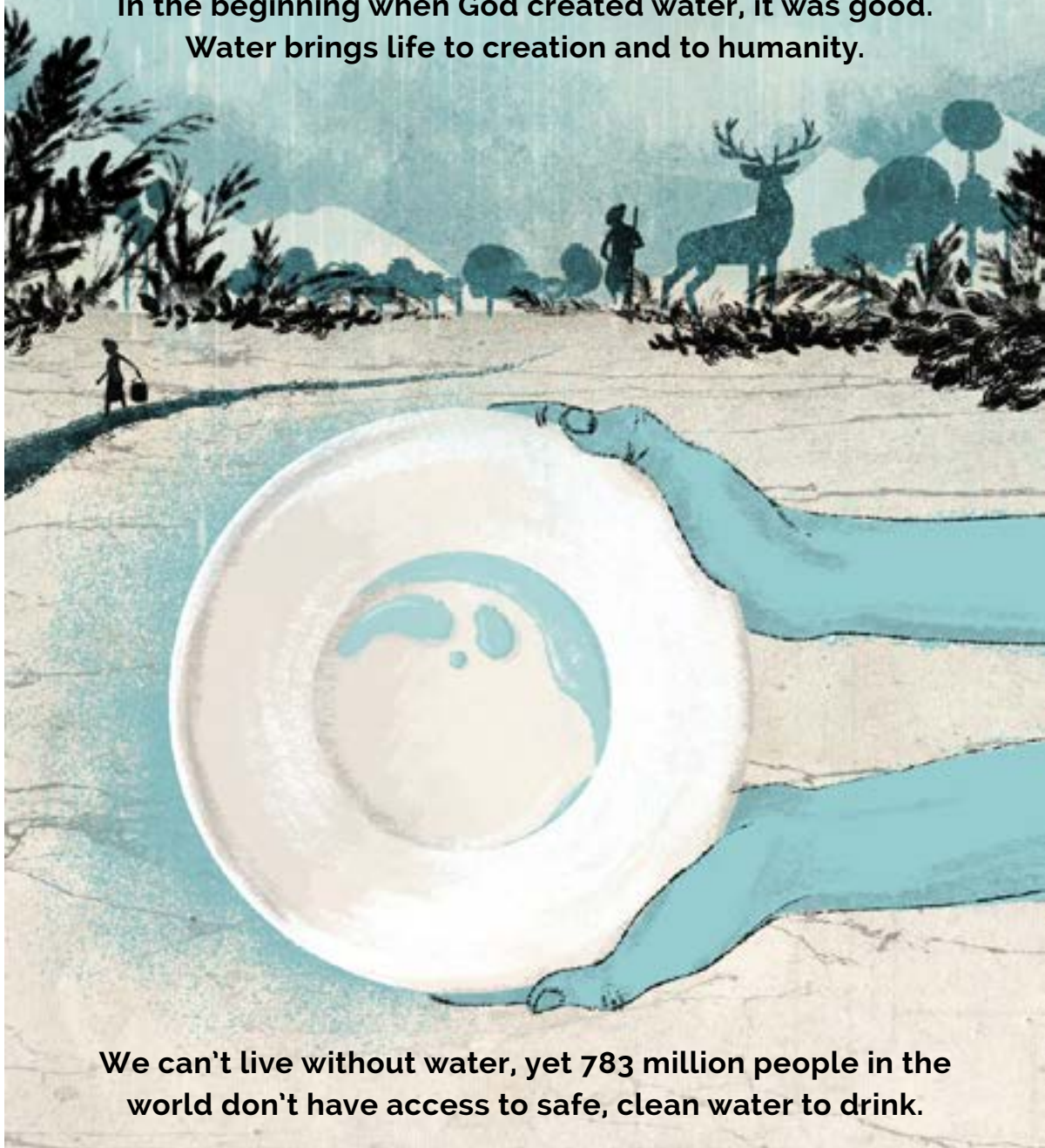
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Noelani's Water Crisis

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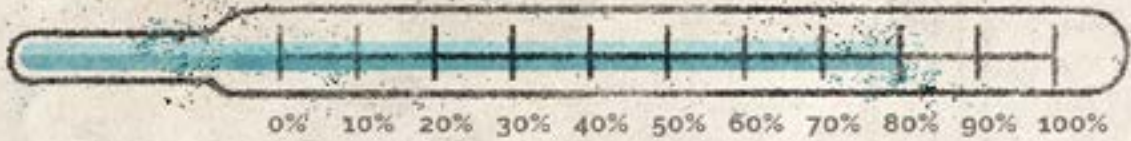


1 in 3 people in the world do not have access to improved sanitation.
Noelani is one of these people.



On an average day she walks 3.7 miles (5.95 km) to collect water.
The container of water she carries can weigh 40 pounds (18 kilograms).

Much of the water she collects is contaminated with microorganisms that cause disease. Disease from unsafe water and sanitation kills more people per year than war.



80% of all sickness and disease in the world is caused by contaminated water.

The worst culprits?

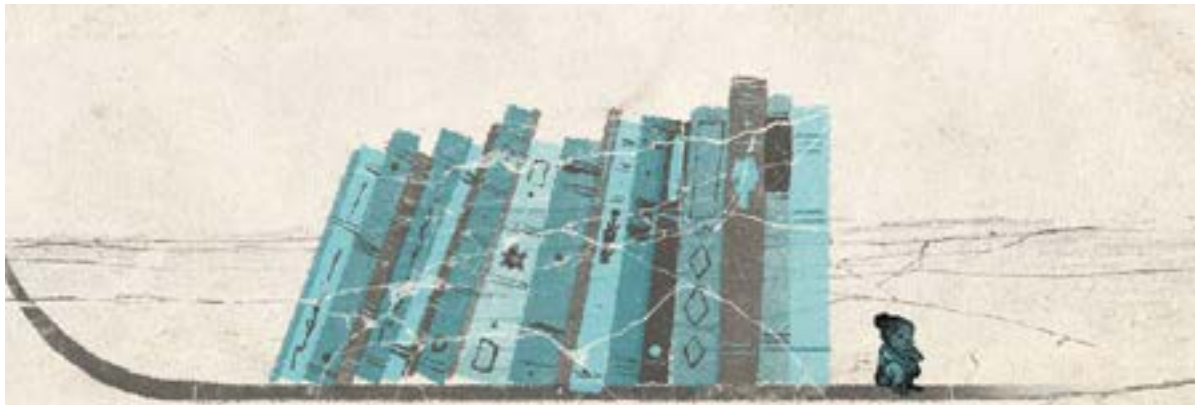


Diarrhea
1.8 million
deaths each year

Typhoid
12 million
affected each year

Cholera
120,000
cases each year

Parasites
200 million
infected each year



Because of the time Noelani spends collecting water, she is unable to attend school.

Without an education, Noelani will be more likely to marry young, become a mother early, and continue living in poverty. Education provides opportunities for a better future. With education, Noelani could eventually help herself and her family break the cycle of poverty.



**YOU can help her begin to interrupt the cycle.
YOU can help Noelani find a new path, clean water, education, and good health.**

How?

The funds you raise for Just Water will help the church to:

- Teach health and hygiene practices to prevent waterborne disease
- Use simple innovation to sustainably provide safe water
 - Offer tools and training for hand pump repair
 - Create access to improved sanitation
- Use water to build opportunities in microbusiness
- Equip people for community development and disaster relief



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LEADER'S GUIDE

Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world.
-Desmond Tutu

*I think life is always dangerous. Some people get afraid of it. Some people don't go forward. But some people, if they want to achieve their goal, they have to go. **They have to move.***
-Malala Yousafzai

THIS GUIDE WILL HELP LEADERS

- Participate in the Justice Movement by hosting a JUST WATER Weekend
- Plan JUST WATER Weekend Activities
- Prepare for JUST WATER Weekend or JUST WATER Challenge Fundraising
- Find JUST WATER Resources

JUSTICE FLOWS --- SPOKEN WORD POEM

Before you begin, we want you to meet Noelani,¹ a girl from a village in Sri Lanka. She represents 1 in 9 people in the world whose lives suffer because of inadequate access to safe water, 1 and 3 without access to improved sanitation. Today, 783 million people, most of them children, are still waiting for opportunities to change their realities. JUST WATER Weekend will provide opportunities for safe water and sanitation for children like Noelani.

Part of JUST WATER Weekend is learning about another's needs and sharing their stories. Throughout the journey you'll imagine a girl (like many who go without access to safe water, sanitation, and hygiene) and learn to tell her story. Below is a poem that is a spoken word poem used in our curriculum videos.

JUSTICE FLOWS

Noelani's story is true. Because of their access to water Noelani has seen her village made new ...

*Wounds, once left to fester, washed clean. Better sanitation and improved hygiene.
Dramatically decreased disease.*

*Clean water has given her village a chance
to spread education, and to form future plans.*

Farming and goods for use and for sale. Once without any hope, now it's hope that prevails.

*And it flows through the church
And it's people who listen to start
Then become a part*

¹Name has been changed to protect the child.

*Mirroring Jesus
who made this justice an
art.*

Noelani is very interested in this Jesus person

Because you see...

Noelani has a dream.

A dream that is bigger than you and me. That the whole world would have water that's clean, and replace this broken story of inequality

*With Justice that flows
And righteousness like a stream*

this is Noelani's dream

From what she hears about Jesus she has come to believe

*That He's the right ONE to set her dream free.
From what she's seen of the Church, there's a truth she now knows*

That there's no better place to watch her dream grow.

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to The Justice Movement. If you're reading this, you've already made a bold move. Thank you for your concern for others. Thank you for your leadership in helping young people have a global perspective. Thank you for strengthening the church by encouraging a lifestyle of justice and compassion.

We don't want you to feel like you're signing up for the "next thing."
The Justice Movement and JUST WATER Weekend weren't designed to be that.

Instead, they were designed to stir up what already exists in the hearts of young believers—a desire to be a part of something bigger, a desire to experience a world that's closer to what God intended. We believe that people—all people—are created in God's image and are worthy of love and care.

The Justice Movement BECOMES as it develops in compassionate lives seeking to reflect God's image and just character in the world.

Thank you for becoming part of the movement and for inviting others to join you.

You could be a ...

Youth Pastor
Youth Volunteer
Parent
Mentor
Sunday School Teacher
Class President
Student
Small Group Leader

Each of us is different, but those differences make up a body of believers that are in a position to do something to make a difference.

How are we the same? We're all called to be advocates.

ADVOCATES

An advocate is someone who pleads the case of another person, group, or community.

During Just Water Weekend you'll plead the case of people in places where access to clean water and improved sanitation is limited. You'll be multiplying the plea together with teenagers and young adults you personally know. Then those young people will plead with other young people, families, and churches. [This is how the movement grows.](#)

Some of your group members may know firsthand what it's like to be thirsty or be sick. Some of them may not have witnessed these realities in the world. You will be modeling to them, as their leader, the ways an advocate teaches, inspires, works for, and celebrates justice in our world and hope in the lives of others.

Our goal is to provide a customizable resource for your group (or family). Whether you use the resources for a Just Water Weekend or for weekly church use, we want you to be supported in your passion to reflect God's image by changing the injustices you see.

The Justice Movement resources have been created among a diverse group of global youth pastors, educators, community development workers, and compassionate ministry leaders. We share ideas in a global forum and work closely with experts in other fields of theology; youth ministry; child development; community development; and water, sanitation, and hygiene.

The resource will be hosted online and will grow over the years as you do.

WHAT IS A JUST WATER WEEKEND?

JUST WATER Weekend is a turn-key event weekend focused on learning about God's heart for justice and the global water crisis that includes poor sanitation and hygiene practices worldwide.

There are an estimated **80 child deaths from diarrhea-related illness every hour**, 2,000 a day, 700,000 a year.² With education and improved sanitation, this story can change. JUST WATER Weekend teaches how creation was meant to be shared and cared for and how your fundraising efforts for WASH (water, sanitation, and hygiene) programs in Sri Lanka and other world areas can change the stories of kids and families around the world.

Groups, families, and individuals can choose **ANY** weekend of the year to participate.

Or, you can CHOOSE from two international dates **October 16-17 or March 18-19**.

During JUST WATER Weekend, you'll be encouraged to help "right" the water situation through education, participation, and fundraising. Participants can also take the JUST WATER Challenge and accept the call to become advocates and fundraisers while drinking **only water** for a time period of your choice (7, 40, or 365 days).

HOW DOES JUST WATER WEEKEND FUNDRAISING CHANGE LIVES?

Almost a billion people in our world are living without access to clean water. As a result, a leading cause of death worldwide is illness due to waterborne disease, lack of sanitation, and poor hygiene practices. What's more, in some

²"Water, Sanitation & Hygiene: Strategy Overview".
Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Retrieved 27 April 2015.

places, children and women walk hours each day to gather water instead of going to school or spending time on other productive activities.

JUST WATER Weekend Funds will focus on safe water needs in a specific area of the world (South Asia) and also support water priorities in other areas.

We'll partner with local churches to provide communities with safe water through the implementation of a comprehensive program that includes water supply, sanitation, and hygiene promotion. We remember these key areas of JUST WATER through the acronym WASH.

We believe in working alongside communities to discover their needs and have conversations that lead to discovery and solutions.

Imagine a well.
Imagine a community of teachers and students.
Imagine clean hands and spaces to grow and to learn.

All of these things work together to change people's lives.

Current Focus Area: South Asia



Example:

Sri Lanka is an island country in South Asia near south-east India. Sri Lanka is connected by sea with India to the northwest and the Maldives to the southwest. It's a diverse and multicultural country, home to many ethnic groups, and languages. According to UNICEF (2012), the total population of Sri Lanka is 20.2 Million, and 30% are under age 18. Our dream is to see communities become equipped to support them in their future health and wellness.

JUST WATER supports churches who want to see safe water solutions, sanitation development, and hygiene education increase in their community.

JUST WATER Weekend encourages churches to become advocates for those without access to clean water and raise funds to implement water programs in communities with water needs.

A big faith goal would be to fund a WASH program for ONE community (on average, \$10,000).

Think about partnering with parents, schools, or other churches in your community or region. Or fund ONE component of a water program for a community. **Whether you raise \$10,000 or simply raise your voice, you are making a big impact with whatever move you can make.**

HOW DO YOU PLAN A JUST WATER WEEKEND?

STEP ONE:

SIGN UP YOUR GROUP (TEAM), AND CHOOSE A DATE & LOCATION

Go to justicemovement.com/raiseffunds to sign up your team.

Quick Steps To Setting Up Your Fundraising Page

Decide a location to host your JUST WATER Weekend activities and make arrangements to use the space.

Choose from two international dates or choose your own date to participate:

Fall - October 16-17, 2015 (Correlates with Global Handwashing Day)

Spring - March 18-19, 2016 (Correlates with World Water Day)

Other - Choose Your Own Date

Once you register, you will receive an email with a link to download your Just Water Weekend Resource Pack.

Don't worry. You're not signing a formal contract. You can always change the date after you register.

STEP TWO:

DOWNLOAD AND CUSTOMIZE YOUR RESOURCES

Download resources to use for your weekend. Feel free to pick and choose different resources to download from justicemovement.com/resources. If you downloaded the [Media Kit](#) you already have all of the JUST WATER Resources.

STEP THREE:

SET UP A CALENDAR FOR JUST WATER WEEKEND PLANS

LEADER

PARENTS

SMALL GROUP LEADERS

CHURCH



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JUST WATER WEEKEND

PLANNING GRID

	YOUTH LEADER	PARENTS	STUDENTS	SMALL GROUP LEADER	CHURCH
40 DAYS OUT	Download Resources	Download Resources	Attend Kick-Off	Attend Kick-Off	Invite Participation
	Set up Team Fundraising Page	Set up Team Fundraising Page	Set Up Fundraising Page	Help Students With Fundraising	Volunteer during JWW
	Host Just Water Weekend Kick-Off	Calendar JWW Dates & Fundraisers	Share Your JW Challenge	Share your JW Challenge	Tell Your Group's Story
	Meet with Families and Small Group Leaders	Share Team Page With Friends	Tell Your Story	Fundraise Together	Fundraise Together
	Share Fundraising Goal	Attend JWW Meeting	Share Fundraising Page	Stir Student Participation	Invite Churchwide JW Challenge
	Background Checks	Background Checks On File	Forms on File	Background Checks on File	Background Checks on File
3 WEEKS OUT	Recruit Social Media Team	Join The Social Media Team	Download Social Media Pack	Download Social Media Pack	Join Social Media Team
	Review Just Water Outlines	Review Just Water Outlines	Write Your First Blog Post	Volunteer for JWW	Offer Space for JWW
	Choose Just Water Activities	Choose Just Water Activities	Fundraise For JWW	Help students fundraise	Meet with Youth Leaders
	Reserve JW Weekend Location	Plan JW Weekend Location	Tell The Water Story	Pray with Your Group	Promote JW weekend on site
	Plan Fundraisers	Assist With Fundraisers	Invite Friends to Join JWW	Help Prepare Blog Posts	Support Fundraisers
2 WEEKS OUT	Have fun!	Have fun!	Have fun!	Have fun!	Have Fun!
	Post Prayer Goal on Social Media	Post Prayer Goal on Social Media	Post Prayer Goal on Social Media	Post Prayer Goal on Social Media	Post Prayer Goal on Social Media
	Write Your Message	Review Videos & Discussion	Help Build Welcome Set	Volunteer for JWW	Offer Space for JWW
	Gather Supplies	Gather Supplies	Fundraise For JWW	Help students fundraise	Meet with Youth Leaders
	Promote JW Weekend to Youth Group	Promote JW Weekend to other Parents & Teens	Promote JW Weekend to Friends	Pray with Your Group	Promote JW weekend on site
	Promote Fundraiser to Church	Share Student Fund Page	Invite Friends to Join JWW	Help Prepare Blog Posts	Support Fundraisers
1 WEEK OUT	Share Tweet/Facebook Content	Tweet / Post/ Share	Tweet/ Post / Share	Tweet/ Post/ Share	Tweet / Post/ Share
	Church Forms	Read JWW Communication	Help friends sign up.	Read JWW Communication	Promote JW Weekend
	Assign Volunteer Jobs	Prepare for Volunteer Jobs	Work toward fund goals.	Prepare For Volunteer Jobs	Volunteer
	Parent Information Email	Share Team Fund Page	Share your Fund page!	Share your Fund Page!	Support Fundraisers
3 DAYS OUT	Pray With Your Team	Pray with Your Student	Pray With Friends	Pray with Your Students	Pray For Team During Church
	Finalize Weekend Timeline	Encourage Your Student	Keep Sharing Fund Page	Connect With Leader	Volunteer Set Up
	Communicate Team Progress	Help With Fundraising	Tweet / Post / Share	Connect with Students	Tweet/ Post / Share
1 DAY OUT	Call Volunteers	Share Fund Page	Invite Friends	Tweet / Post Progress	Prayer For Team
	Communicate With Students	Help Call Volunteers	Have fun!	Help with last minute logistics.	
	Communicate With Volunteers	Encourage Your Student	Share Your Fund Page	Connect With Group Members	Help Prepare Event Environment
	Post Prayer Goal on Social Media	Help With Fundraising	Tell Your Water Story	Share Your Team Page	Share Team Page
	Pray & Prepare Event Environment	Pack Overnight Bags	Pack Your Bags	Pack Your Bags	Support Team Transportation

EVENT



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WEEKEND TIMELINE

FRIDAY

Time	Description	Notes
7:00AM	PRAYER	Option: At Water Source. Go to your closest water source to pray for ocean of justice, clean water, and for your lives to impact the lives of others in compassionate and life changing ways.
8:00AM - 4:00PM	ADVOCATE HOURS	Use the time you spend at school, work, or with friends to teach others about the global water crisis. Tell your story, tell Noelani's story, talk about your JUST WATER Journey and your fundraising campaign.
5:00PM - 6:00PM	DINNER & PACKING	
7:00PM - 7:30PM	DEPARTURE TO LOCAL SHOPPING CENTER	
7:30PM - 8:30PM	SHOPPING CENTER PRAYER WALK	Use the prayer guide found in the leader guide.
8:30PM - 9:00PM	TRAVEL TO JUST WATER WEEKEND EVENT LOCATION	
9:00PM - 10:00PM	STUDENT REGISTRATION & WELCOME PARTY	Photo Booths, Music, Celebration (Volunteers Begin Counting Funds Raised & Assigning Small Groups)
10:00PM - 11:00PM	BREAK THE CYCLE VIDEO & MESSAGE - BREAK THE CYCLE (Optional, Singing)	
11:00PM - 11:30PM	SMALL GROUP TIME	
11:30PM - 12:00PM	GROUP ACTIVITY	Choose From List.
12:30AM - 1:00AM	GROUP ACTIVITY	Choose From List.
1:00AM - 1:30AM	PRAYER SPACES	Convert Photo Booths To Prayer & Journaling Spaces
1:30AM - 8:00AM	SLEEP	

SATURDAY

Time	Description	Notes
8:00AM - 9:00AM	WAKE UP, CLEAN UP, BRAKFAST WATER	
9:00AM - 10:00AM	RIGHT RELATIONSHIP VIDEO & MESSAGE: RIGHT RELATIONSHIP	Optional Worship Time
10:00AM - 10:30AM	GROUP ACTIVITY - SODIS WATER PROJECT	
10:30AM - 11:00AM	SMALL GROUP TIME OR PERSONAL JOURNAL TIME	Choose from leader guide.
11:00AM - 12:00PM (Time may need to be adjusted depending on time needed to travel to water source.)	WATER WALK	
12:30/45PM - 1:30PM	LUNCH, WATER	
1:30PM - 2:00PM	GROUP ACTIVITY	Choose from leader guide.
2:00PM - 3:30PM	SMALL GROUP TIME	
3:30PM - 3:45PM	SNACK, WATER	
3:45PM - 4:45PM	RIVERS OF LIFE VIDEO & MESSAGE: RIVERS OF LIFE	
4:45PM - 5:30PM	DINNER, WATER	
5:30PM - 7:30PM	WORSHIP & CELEBRATION OCEANS OF JUSTICE VIDEO & MESSAGE: OCEANS OF JUSTICE	
7:30PM	STUDENT CLEAN UP, PICK-UP	

STEP FOUR:

ORGANIZE YOUR WEEKEND EVENT TIMELINE & PREPARE CURRICULUM

Print JUST WATER Weekend messages, test videos, go over small group guides, and prepare student pages that can be used during your weekend event.

You can also design your weekend timeline by choosing activities.

A sample weekend timeline can be found on the previous page.

STEP FIVE:

CHOOSE ACTIVITIES & PREPARE ENVIRONMENT

Choose activities for your weekend timeline. We will provide a list of activities you can use during your JUST WATER Weekend at the bottom of this document. We've also created an Environment download to help your team! There are endless options. Don't be afraid to try your own ideas.

STEP SIX:

PLAN FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

Choose your own adventure when it comes to deciding what lessons you will teach, what videos you will play, what activities you will lead. Even your fundraising efforts are customizable.

FUNDRAISING IDEAS:

- HOST A 5K WATER WALK OR RUN
- RUN A MARATHON FOR #JUSTWATER
- DO A GROUP YARD SALE
- KAYAK A RIVER FOR #JUSTWATER
- VOLUNTEER YOUR HELP
- CREATE A WATER WALK
- ORGANIZE A SPORTS TOURNAMENT
- PLAN A FUN YOUTH EVENT, CHARGE ADMISSION FOR #JUSTWATER
- HOST A "PROM" WHERE EVERYONE WEARS BLUE, CHARGE ADMISSION
- TAKE AN OFFERING AT YOUR CHURCH
- TAKE AN OFFERING AT OTHER PEOPLE'S CHURCHES (WITH PERMISSION)
- COLLECTIVELY WALK 500 MILES

QUESTIONS TO THINK ABOUT BEFORE YOU BEGIN

HOW WILL YOU ENGAGE YOUR CHURCH?

How can you develop JUST WATER Weekend together with other generations in your church? What could each of you give to make the weekend even more successful?

HOW WILL YOU ENGAGE YOUR STUDENTS' PARENTS?

How can you connect the church and families through JUST WATER Weekend? How do we combine efforts to make a bigger impact? If you are a parent, how could you work together with a local church as a family?

HOW WILL YOU KEEP YOUR UNIQUE PASSIONS ALIVE?

You have something unique to offer in your context and in your leadership. Use it as a strength. Talk about your passions and desires to fight injustice in that way, to work for clean water in that way. Ask, what makes you YOU? Ask, what makes our family or team unique? Think about ways of drawing that uniqueness into your JUST WATER Weekend and fundraising dreams.

HOW WILL YOU CHALLENGE EACH OTHER?

Studies show that kids rarely stick with faith unless they feel like what they are living for is worth dying for. What kinds of worthy dreams do you offer and encourage in your group or family? It's OK if they feel impossible. God is into making the impossible possible.

WHO WILL HELP YOU TAKE THE SMALL STEPS AND STAY ON TRACK?

Don't worry about how little you have or how far you have to go. Make your plans and preparations one step at a time. Each goal is one move closer to the Kingdom reality you are pursuing. Recruit a friend, leader, or another team to help you stay on track for days when you feel overwhelmed. It's easy to feel overwhelmed when needs are so big. But it's easier to keep going when someone has promised to keep going with you.

JUST WATER WEEKEND ACTIVITIES

ACTIVITY TIPS:

- Think about how each activity will look and feel for the age levels in your group or in your family. Adjust things to fit your needs.
- Spend time preparing your messages beforehand. Pray over the materials and use what's best for your context.
- Practice or test games before you play them. Look for any potential dangers. (For example, if you are doing a water walk, think about the time of day, heat, hydration stations, places to rest in the shade.)
- Mark off boundaries for activities and communicate the reason behind the activity. At the same time, keep fun a priority.

WELCOME PARTY PHOTO BOOTHS

Set up the JUST WATER Weekend environment to communicate the theme of the weekend. As teenagers arrive, they will come into a photo booth environment. You'll have created 4 fun, engaging photo booths that tell a JUST WATER story. As students student take pictures of themselves and their friends, they will be inspired. As they share these on social media, they will spark the movement in their circles of influence.

After students have used these backdrops for the welcome party, they can be used as backdrops for the stage, or can become prayer space locations.

PRAYER SPACES

Use the same backdrops you made for the WELCOME PARTY PHOTO BOOTHS to create prayer spaces during your event.

Supplies:
Journals
Writing Tools
Art Supplies
Bible Verses
Candles

JUST WATER CHALLENGE*

Options: You can do this activity during you Just Water Weekend launch (40 days before), one week before, OR during the event.

- Prepare envelopes and cards for people in your group.
- Mark the cards with the numbers 7, 40, and 365. (Half of the cards should be a 7-day challenge, a quarter should be a 40-day challenge, and a quarter should be a 365-day challenge.)
- Place the cards in unmarked envelopes.

Tell your team if they choose to accept the Just Water Challenge, then they will open the envelope and continue drinking **ONLY** water for the number of days listed on the card. It's a decision entirely up to them, but if they decide to open it, then they are making an awesome commitment to be an advocate for the amount of time on the card.

Mark the mid-point dates and ending dates on your calendar (counting from your chosen start date) and write down the names of students who are taking the challenge for each amount of time. Encourage them often as they are talking about water, sharing with others, and making a significant sacrifice to help others.

7 days from your event is: _____

40 days from your event is: _____

365 days from your event is: _____

Mark these dates on your calendar and keep track of what students are doing the challenge and for how many days.

**During Just Water Weekend and during a Just Water Challenge it is advised that a participant only drink water as needed for hydration. Water should replace normal drinking habits. Water drinking contests of any kind are NOT advised. While rare and isolated, drinking too much water (gallons and gallons over a short period of time) can be dangerous.*

SODIS (WATER DISINFECTION)

When nearly a billion people drink highly polluted water, simple solutions are necessary. Treating water by putting it in 2 liter cola bottles and setting it in the sun on a black surface for 5 hours kills 99% of pathogens. Disinfect water together using the SODIS method. Gather water from a local source.

<http://www.cdc.gov/safewater/pdf/solar2011final.pdf>

MAKE IT: BIOSAND FILTERS

Make your own bio sand filters with 2 liter soda bottles. Use turbid water & 2 liter bottles, google “make a bio-sand filter or sodis” for instructions.

*Turbidity is the cloudiness of a fluid caused by large numbers of particles, the measurement of turbidity is a key test to water quality.

BUILD IT: TIPPY TAP

Google “Tippy Tap CONSTRUCTION” and choose a method that your group is able to accomplish. Build a Tippy Tap structure together and learn about hand washing solutions when plumbing isn’t available.

“EW” TAG: GAME (Yuck Tag, Gross Tag)

Teach students about the habit of handwashing by playing a giant game of “EW-tag”. This game can also be used to teach children at an event or at a school.

Communication Tools: You’ll need signs for water, soap, and dirt.

It could be fun to use costumes for each person in the game.
Mark boundaries, explain the game, hand out stickers, have fun.

Every student in your group becomes one of four things: WATER, SOAP, MUD, or CLEAN. If a clean person is tagged by a mud girl or boy, they have to chase and tag a water girl or boy and a soap girl or boy to stay in the game!



TOILET TEXTS (IT’S NOT WHAT YOU THINK)- PRAYER PROMPT

Fact: In our world, there are more people who own phones than there are people who have a toilet.

If participants in your group have cell phones, have them set an alarm every hour during the weekend reminding them to stop and pray for those who don’t have access to clean water, latrines/ toilets, and hand-washing. Challenge them to keep a once-a-day alarm after the event.

Sample prayer:

God, help us to see how much we have and how much we have to share. Hear our prayer that more kids and families would have access to basic things like clean water and toilets. Open my eyes to see how I can help them find what they need.

WRITE TO RIGHT (WRITE IT DOWN) - POETRY, PROSE, SONG

Provide students with paper to write a poem, essay, or song about clean water in our world. Share them with each other, with a local church, with your community. Illustrate or create art that reflects the voices of the students participating.

WASH MATH

“WE <3 WASH MATH”

Post “WASH MATH” on social media or share with your church/ community.

Take different water components from the list of estimated costs below and add them up to see how much resources and education would cost. Share what you find with each other and online.

Every community needs three things to experience water wellness.

- An Education About Hygiene
- A Clean Water Source
- A Clean Bathroom Facility

These three things work together to help kids and families live longer and live healthier.

What does it cost to build a clean water source in developing countries?

Hand Dug Well **\$2,100**

Machine Dug Well With Hand Pump (Borehole) **\$2,800**

Motorized Well With Pump + Elevated Tank **\$11,000**

What funds are needed to provide better toilet sanitation for kids and families?

Pit Latrine With Cover **\$70**

School Pit Latrine **\$650**

Latrine **\$130**

School Latrines **\$150**

What does it take to promote hygiene in a community?

TEACH IT: HANDWASHING 101

Create a set of hand washing instructions using your own artistic abilities using these ideas:

As simple as it may seem, learning the basics of hand-washing can help students feel more confident being a storyteller about it. It will also help them teach others about this important practice.

Wash your hands...

- **Before**, during, and after preparing food
- **Before** eating food
- **Before** and after caring for someone who is sick
- **Before** and after treating a cut or wound
- **After** using the toilet
- **After** changing diapers or cleaning up a child who has used the toilet

- **After** blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing (thank you)
- **After** touching an animal, animal feed, or animal waste
- **After** touching garbage

Wash your hands...

- **Wet** your hands with clean water and apply soap.
- **Make some bubbles (lather the soap)** by rubbing your hands together with the soap. Hit the 4 Hand Zones: backs, fronts, between fingers, and under nails.
- **Scrub** for 20 seconds. Pick a 20 second song and sing it. (Jesus Loves Me)
- **Rinse** your hands well with clean water.
- **Dry** your hands using a clean towel or air dry them. (Sometimes running around with your hands in the air is fun.)

HELP OTHERS - OUTREACH

- Teach a group of children at a park or at your church to wash their hands properly, take pics and videos to spread awareness about the importance of handwashing.
- Celebrate virtually on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram @thejustmove #WEWASH #justwater2015
- Prayer Space- Song: Brooke Fraser “Albertine”
- Ubuntu Art Project: “My life is wrapped in your life” - ILLUSTRATE WITH ART

WRITE TO RIGHT - A WATER MANIFESTO

Manifestos are statements about why things are important or have value to someone. Write a water manifesto together about why bringing clean water, sanitation, and better hygiene is a passion for your group.

TELL YOUR STORY - ORAL TRADITION OR WRITTEN

Share your story in small groups, write a blog post, spend an hour communicating the story of your JUST WATER Journey.

Thank you for your leadership in The Justice Movement.
Please let us know how you are doing and feel free to connect with us anytime.
@thejustmove

JUST WATER PRAYER WALK

Go to a local shopping area and use the prayer guide to spend an hour learning about wealth and poverty, water, and God’s heart for justice and care for people’s needs.



Location: Shopping mall or shopping area

Description: This is an activity that will open eyes to the sometimes hidden injustices in everyday spaces. It will introduce God's hope for transformation in a place where competing messages want to convince us to be uncaring and unseeing when it comes to loving others who are in need.

Format: Small groups of 3-6 people

Supplies: Prayer Guide, Pens, Notebooks

Options

1. Text PDF guide to phones
2. Print one guide per group
3. Print one guide per person

Guiding Words:

Welcome to the city center, you may call it a shopping mall or a market – a place to buy things similar to thousands of others around the world. As expected, this is a beautiful place. And like most shopping areas, this is an opportunity to be reminded of worldwide needs.

We hope you will use this time to focus on guiding words found in the Scripture. We hope it will help you to see God at work in the world around you. We hope this time of prayer will motivate you to “get after it,” to get passionate about Just Water.

“Do you know what I want? I want justice - oceans of it. I want fairness - rivers of it. That’s what I want. That’s all I want.” (Amos 5.24, The Message)

“This is the kind of fast day I’m after: to break the chains of injustice, get rid of exploitation in the workplace, free the oppressed, cancel debts. What I’m interested in seeing you do is: sharing your food with the hungry, inviting the homeless poor into your homes, putting clothes on the shivering ill-clad, being available to your own families.” (Isaiah 58:6-9, The Message)

Begin:

Each group starts at a common area.

Each group return to the common area at _____ am/pm.

Work together to get passionate about God’s love for people and God’s heart for justice.

Follow the guide and choose your own pace.

Come back to the common area to share your experiences with each other.

Read:

“Do you know what I want? I want justice - oceans of it. I want fairness - rivers of it. That’s what I want. That’s all I want.” (Amos 5.24, The Message)

Be:

Think about this verse. Repeat it out loud. You might think of things that shouldn’t exist in the world, things that aren’t fair: the scarcity of clean water, sickness, disease, violent persecution, hungry families all around, human slavery, racism, gender inequality, and more. But you’re standing in a shopping mall. Even here there are injustices that should not be. The more you look around, the more you will see. The fairness that Amos was calling for seems to have come to the earth here in this shopping area. But has it? Really?

How can we kneel in worship in our churches on Sundays and shop in malls on Saturdays, and not kneel to love those in need?

Our first step is to become prayerfully aware of those in need.**Do:**

Write three unfair things you’ve seen in this environment.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Go:

Go to an area where you can sit and watch people for five minutes. (Don’t be creepy. Just casually observe people.) Pray for God to show you people who are hurting and broken. Ask for God to unveil the unfair things around you.

Read:

“This is the kind of fast day I’m after: to break the chains of injustice, get rid of exploitation in the workplace, free the oppressed, cancel debts. What I’m interested in seeing you do is: sharing your food with the hungry, inviting the homeless poor into your homes, putting clothes on the shivering ill-clad, being available to your own families.” (Isaiah 58:6-9, The Message)

Be:

Read this verse three times. The first time, read it as you would normally read anything. The second time, read it slowly and stop when a word or phrase stands out to you. During the third reading, place your name into the verse. Example: This is the kind of fast day I’m after: (Your name) should break the chains of injustice ... share his or her food with the hungry, invite the poor into his or her home.

Do:

Find a water fountain and restroom facility in the shopping area. Take a cool drink from the fountain (or take a drink from the bottle of water you have with you). If there is no place to find free water think about what you would have to do to locate it. Would it be fresh? Is it safe? Becoming aware of water is beginning to care about water.

Next, go into a bathroom and wash your hands. Think about the soap (was there soap?). Think about the water (was it clean?). Now think about these questions:

- 1) Where did you learn to wash your hands?

- 2) Where did your family find soap?
- 3) What if hand-washing wasn't an easy thing to accomplish for you?
- 4) What does it mean to have access to soap?
- 5) What is it like when it's not available?

Current statistics reveal that there are still one billion people who practice open defecation (because they don't have latrines or toilets) and another 2.5 billion (1 and 3) people don't have access to adequate sanitation. There are 700 million people worldwide without access to safe water supply.

30,000 deaths occur every week from unsafe water and unhygienic living conditions.
27,000 of those deaths are children under 5 years old

This is undoubtedly a global concern.

This is undoubtedly something God would want His children to care about.

Text yourself:

Write a text to yourself from your future 80-year-old self. It might seem funny, but what would he or she say to you about your concern for clean water? Would he or she thank you for caring?

Go to @thejustmove on Instagram or Twitter. Visit the website justicemovement.com to explore ways to advocate for people who need basic access to clean water and soap. Think about what changes in a person's life when there is access to clean water and clean latrines/ toilets. Pray about how you can help educate others on the importance of clean water and the use of soap to fight the spread of disease.

Read:

Do you want to be whole? (Jesus asks this question at the pool of Bethesda in the book of John 5:1-15)

Proverbs 18:14 in the Amplified Bible says, "The strong spirit of a [person] sustains him [or her] in bodily pain or trouble, but a weak and broken spirit who can raise up or bear?"

Be:

Keep walking through the mall. Look into the shops. Find your favorite stores. And ask yourself, How strong is your inner spirit? What is your most tempting distraction to some of the selfless things God may be asking you to do?

Do:

Before we can lead others to be strong in spirit, before we can be advocates for healing and change, before we can get involved in the messy incarnation of God coming into our broken yet beautifully created world—we've got to find a place where we can accept wholeness as our own. Stand in front of a store where you can't afford to buy the items inside. Then read this verse:

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.
Psalms 139:14 ESV

Go:

Go to a store that sells devices. Consider the phones that are available. They are devices that connect people to people. Pick up a phone. Put it up to your ear. Now, imagine God is at the receiving end (because God always is at the receiving end of our prayers.)

Pray:

Creator God, there is no limit to changes you can make. I believe you created me wonderfully and that your works are enough for my spirit to be strong. Help me to use this strength to serve people who need love, to see brokenness that begs for mercy, to reveal injustice that screams in the night for relief. Help me to see you EVERYDAY in the messy tensions of this world and to see the ways you are at work to make everything new.

Return to the common area.

Questions for group discussion:

- What was something unfair that you saw on your walk?
- How did you feel washing your hands knowing that for many, this is a luxury and not something people always have access to?
- What was your biggest distraction being in a shopping mall?
- Are you ready to make a commitment to being a voice on behalf of those who don't have the basic necessities of clean water and bathroom facilities?

Visit: justicemovement.com to learn more about JUST WATER



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WASH COSTS

LEARNING LAB:

HOW MUCH COULD A WATER REHABILITATION PROGRAM COST A COMMUNITY?

Components	Description of Activities	Asia	Africa	Latin America/ Caribbean	Notes
WATER	HAND DUG WELL	2,100	2,800	2,400	Estimate
	MACHINE DRILLED WELL WITH HAND PUMP	4,500	8,000	8,000	Estimate
	MOTORIZED WELL WITH PUMP + ELEVATED TANK	11,000	13,000	13,000	Estimate
	CISTERNS - DEPENDING ON SIZE (Average) - WET BOX	1,100	1,300	1,300	Estimate
SANITATION	PIT LATRINE WITH COVER SLAP	60	60	70	Estimate
	HOUSEHOLD VIP PIT LATRINE	130	200	200	Estimate
	SCHOOL VIP LATRINES	650	1,000	1,000	Estimate
	SCHOOL PIT	360	400	400	Estimate
HYGIENE PROMOTION SUPPLY APPROACH	This is an estimate for a village with an average family size of 5, and 500 people per hand pump. To implement a comprehensive WASH project the minimum budget needed for Hygiene promotion will be 10% of the cost of one hand pump or the water supply option and latrine for 100 households.	1,050	1,500	1,500	* This cost changes when the water supply and sanitation option change.

Components	Description of Activities	Asia	Africa	Latin America/ Caribbean	Notes
	WASH Budget for ONE community	5,550	9,500	9,5000	Supply or subsidy driven approaches can hold back local communities from being involved at all levels, but they are necessary sometimes. It is better to include local communities during the planning, implementation and management of the project. The supply approach is recommended in emergencies, post emergencies and in places where other factors influence demand driven approaches in negative ways.
HYGIENE PROMOTION/ DEMAND APPROACH	This is an estimate for a village with an average family size of 5, and 500 people per hand pump. To implement a comprehensive WASH project the minimum budget needed for Hygiene promotion will be 20% of the cost of one hand pump or the water supply option and latrine for 100 households where 50% contribution for the latrine comes from households.	1,500	2,300	2,300	* This cost changes when the water supply and sanitation options change.
GOAL	WASH Budget for ONE community	6,000	10,300	10,300	Demand responsive approaches cost more at the beginning due to the intensive community engagement and mobilization that has to happen before the building starts. It is implemented with community participation and with lots of awareness raising activities and promotion campaigns. The additional cost has a big pay off because of the long-term sustainability of demand responsive projects and the ownership that the communities where the projects are being carried out.



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ENVIRONMENT

CRAFT THE ENVIRONMENT

We hope that Just Water Weekend will be one of the most memorable weekends of the year for your group. Think about the different learning styles and developmental phases of your group. The creative effort you put into the feeling, sensing, seeing, and doing parts of your JUST WATER weekend will create a strong line of communication and reinforce everything you are experiencing together.

Water changes everything. You'll be focusing on how it was created to nourish life everywhere and how we can help others experience its life-changing benefits, as well as how Jesus offers living water. Spend some time thinking about how your classroom, youth room, or event location can communicate LIFE in all its fullness.

You are going to be learning a lot about the global water and sanitation crisis, and your group may feel small in comparison to the bigness of the problems. But the truth is, there's a lot that can change with small moves to interrupt the cycle of poverty in a person's life. Help your youth see themselves in the bigger story of God.

Ask a few simple questions to help plan an awesome JUST WATER weekend environment:

If everything in your environment communicates something, then what is your environment communicating? Is it what you hoped to communicate?

What does the person entering this place feel, see, sense, or do?

What can we keep? What can we add?

Getting started: Put together a JUST WATER Weekend Playlist.

Spotify Sample: JUST WATER Weekend playlist is available on Spotify ([click here](#))

WELCOME PARTY SET

HOW TO CREATE THE [WELCOME PARTY SET](#)

There will be a lot of serious stuff to consider during your JUST WATER Weekend.

But there's one thing we don't want you to miss while you're learning and becoming voices for the things that matter to God. We don't want you to miss the wonder, awe, and celebration that comes when lives are changed.

Why?

1. Celebrations make people feel liked and loved.
2. Fun communicates an atmosphere of shameless vulnerability.
3. Every loving step a person or group takes toward doing something about the water crisis in the world is a divine interruption in a cycle that shouldn't exist. Every step, no matter how small, is worth celebrating.
4. You are becoming a strong example of love in the world. And that, my friends, is worth smiling about over and over again.

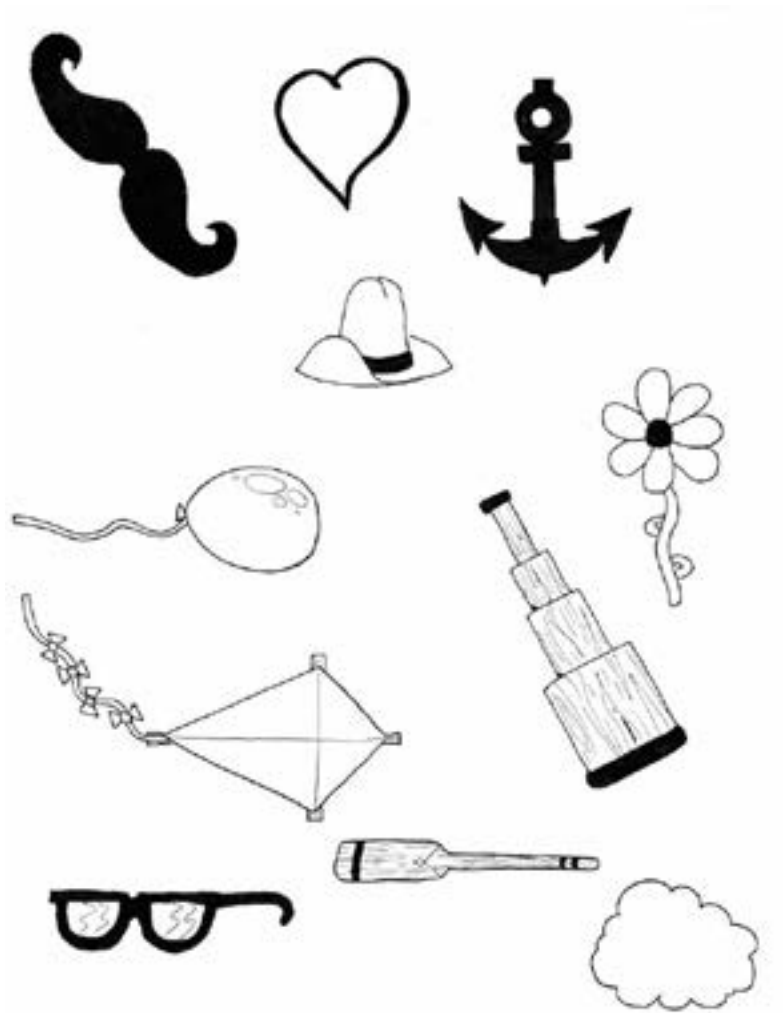
The environment tells a story.

As teenagers arrive, you can create a photo booth environment that tells this story of joy and hope (even in the midst of learning about life's deepest wounds.). The aim is to help students feel loved, invited, included, and a BIG part of the movement—regardless of the size of their personal or collective contribution.

The environment will also communicate outside of the group by creating a presence on social media that helps spark the movement in everyone's circles of influence.

There are four ideas for welcome photo booths. You can use all of them or none of them. You can use two and make up two of your own. You can follow the instructions or get creative and make it even more unique to your group. The only rule is to keep it fun while you're imagining the end goal- clean water. Create spaces that communicate what you hope the world around you will look like and feel like someday.

Prop Template:



Begin by making a list of words that you'd like students to think about and see before they begin their weekend. Think about using words from different cultures and different languages. Write the words on paper and stick them to a white backdrop.

Or make up your own and let us know what words make up your MOVEMENT! @thejustmove #JustWaterWords

Optional: Make your own props.

PHOTO BOOTH 3

“Water”



Supplies:

- White fabric or sheet
- Water Color paints; Other options: Acrylic Paints, Chalk, Oil Pastels (If painting on a sheet, make sure to protect the surface you are painting on!)
- Projector (Unless you are free hand drawing a template.)

Cardboard Boat:

- Paint on a smooth surface
- Use plastic or other protection under painting surface
- You can find the boat template in the Environment Folder
- Project the boat, trace, cut out
- Or design your own!

Paint an ocean scene on fabric. We used water color. If the package advises against painting on a sheet, make sure to protect the floor or wall under it.

Protect the Boat Template, Trace on Cardboard, Cut out

Optional: Floaties and Beach Props



PHOTO BOOTH 4

“World”



Supplies:

- White fabric or sheet
- Water Color Paints (Or other paint medium)
- Brushes
- Projector
- Pencil
- Plastic Protection
- World Template (found in the Environment Folder)



“World” is our favorite.

(If you had to pick one backdrop, we would pick this one. This also makes a big group backdrop!)



Project template onto sheet, use a pencil to trace the outline, use a black permanent marker to trace the pencil lines. Use watercolor paints or chalk pastels to give the world color. (Water colors will bleed, we used white paint to touch up the bleed spots)

Don't forget to protect whatever surface you are drawing and painting on!

Hang fabric and have fun!

#JustWaterWeekend #JustWaterWorld

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Kelly Green (Water Color, World & Water)

The Loving Kind www.thelovingkind.org





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PLAYLIST

FUN

- SWITCHFOOT, [WHO WE ARE](#)
- SWEDISH HOUSE MAFIA, [SAVE THE WORLD](#)
- SWITCHFOOT, [LOVE ALONE IS WORTH THE FIGHT](#)
- MARCO MENGONI, [GUERRIEO](#)
- REND COLLECTIVE, [MY LIGHTHOUSE](#)
- ONE REPUBLIC, [I LIVED](#)
- SHEPPARD, [GERONIMO](#)
- LINDSEY STERLING, [COME WITH US](#)
- SWITCHFOOT, [DARE YOU TO MOVE](#)

WORSHIP

- HILLSONG GLOBAL PROJECT [FRANCAIS](#), POUR SUIVRE TA VOIE
- HILLSONG GLOBAL PROJECT [PORTUGÊS](#), TUDO POR
- HILLSONG GLOBAL PROJECT [DEUTSCH](#), WIR GEBEN ES ALLES HIN
- HILLSONG GLOBAL PROJECT [INDONESIAN](#), KUBERIKAN SEGALAYAN
- HILLSONG GLOBAL PROJECT [SVENSKA](#), VI GER VÄRT ALLT
- HILLSONG GLOBAL PROJECT [KOREAN](#), GO
- HILLSONG GLOBAL PROJECT [RUSSIAN](#), GO
- HILLSONG GLOBAL PROJECT [MANDARIN](#), GO
- HILLSONG GLOBAL PROJECT [ENGLISH](#), GO
- HILLSONG GLOBAL PROJECT [ESPAÑOL](#)

- HILLSONG YOUNG & FREE, [VIDA TÚ ME DAS](#)
- HILLSONG YOUNG & FREE, [THIS IS LIVING \(ACOUSTIC\)](#)
- HILLSONG YOUNG & FREE FT. LECRAE, [THIS IS LIVING](#)

- YOU + ME, [BREAK THE CYCLE](#)
- THE DIGITAL AGE, [BREAK EVERY CHAIN](#)
- REND COLLECTIVE, [BUILD YOUR KINGDOM HERE](#)
- FOR KING AND COUNTRY, [FIX MY EYES](#)
- LAUREN DAIGLE, [HOW CAN IT BE](#)
- LAUREN DAIGLE, ALL SONS & DAUGHTERS, [POWER TO REDEEM](#)
- HILLSONG, [WAKE](#)



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TWEET QUEUE AND SOCIAL MEDIA PACKAGE

JUST WATER TODAY FOR CLEAN WATER TOMORROW (YOU CAN TWEET THAT!)

The Justice Movement is a global movement that will communicate God's heart for justice to students and parents from all over the world. We are providing a plan for you to be able to queue up the ideas, dreams, and encouragement of the movement with other friends and parents in your social media community.

The content provided will help you be an advocate in your circle of influence.

SERIES PROMOTION

- Use this JUST WATER Social Media package for your JUST WATER Weekend
- Use the artwork available in the **Social Media** folder to update your Facebook, Twitter and Instagram profiles to help promote the series.
- JUST WATER Invitation Video - <https://vimeo.com/131467717>

A QUEUE FOR YOU:

Facebook, Twitter, Instagram

Twitter QUEUE | mention @thejustmove | tag #justwater2015 #JustWaterWeekend

Make your first move with your a JUST WATER tweet. Here you go. (You're welcome.)

Tweet or Instagram:

I'm drinking the clean water I have to remember the clean water people still need. #justwater2015

Curriculum Session tweets. (Tweet before or after the session)

SESSION 1:

Help us build bridges and break cycles. #justwater2015 (add your link to your fundraising page)

SESSION 2:

We were meant for right relationships. #justwater2015 (add your link to your fundraising page)

SESSION 3:

We are the drops that form rivers of justice. #justwater2015 (add your link to your fundraising page)

SESSION 4:

Oceans of justice, it's what we want. #justwater2015 (add your link to your fundraising page)

Share the [video](#) on Facebook and Twitter.



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TWEETABLE PHRASES

- › It doesn't matter when you start. It only matters that you do.
- › The Justice Movement is a movement among young people who desire to see a world where justice and compassion are lived and practiced daily.
- › We are a global Church collected in passion.
- › Born to live. Born to love. Born to give. Born to move.
- › Our compassion grows life change. It thrives in celebrating the work of Jesus in the world.
- › The Church has a unique position in the world to work towards justice because of her relationship with Jesus.
- › Serve others. Create change in your community. Point people towards the love of God through Christ.
- › A whole person approach to creating change works towards physical, relational, and spiritual wellness for individuals and communities.
- › Let's do this together, as a global church.
- › Children are people of value and dignity because they are created in God's image.
- › The Justice Movement gives support to children as they become the people God created them to be.
- › As people who are made in God's image, community members have dignity, value, and capacity to create change themselves.
- › Let's be a church that sees more justice and generosity today than we did yesterday.
- › We like to celebrate. Because every small step is one step closer to the story as it was meant to be.
- › Water changes things. Water brings life where there is no life. You can drink water to make water good again.
- › Practicing compassion by making a move to discover justice.
- › Justice is more than a fad.
- › Be an architect of hope and inspire others to do justice with you.
- › Be an ambassador of peace. It is your birthright to love and serve.
- › We want to know what it takes to do justice, by loving the God of justice and by being an active part of His Body, the Church.
- › We are the Church. We want justice.
- › The Justice Movement gets behind the youngest to inspire their abilities and passions for the realization of justice in the world.
- › What does it cost to build a clean water source in developing countries? Find out at justicemovement.com.
- › What funds are needed to provide better sanitation for kids and families? Find out at justicemovement.com.
- › What does it take to promote hygiene promotion in a community? Find out at justicemovement.com.
- › Even though water can change in form, it can't be created or destroyed.
- › Water brings life.
- › We are the Church. We want justice in our world. We want to make a move so justice can flow.
- › God loves whatever is good and just. We can trust everything God does. Psalm 33:4-5
- › Do what is just, do what is right. Jeremiah 22:3
- › Youth can change the world. One move at a time.
- › Learn so that you can be the change.
- › Be bold and step in to break the cycle.
- › "We keep moving forward, opening new doors & doing new things, because we're curious & curiosity keeps leading us down new paths." Walt Disney
- › "Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn." Benjamin Franklin
- › Some cycles shouldn't exist. Poverty is one of them.
- › Some things should be basic rights. Water is one of them.
- › When water is absent, dirty, hard to reach, the cycles of injustice gain strength and continue. But, there's something each of us can do.
- › What you have is enough. Who you are is enough. So make a move.



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MOVEMENT MESSAGE

JESUS BUILDS BRIDGES AND BREAKS CYCLES.

INTRODUCTION

The first JUST WATER message will prepare you to begin your own Just Water journey and will show you the potential of the movement in the greater story of God. We hope it will serve as a source of hope for the injustices that you feel in your hearts and those that you see in the world.

You will get to ask questions that will ultimately guide your pursuit of Jesus. What will you do with Jesus? How does He build bridges and break cycles? As you (and your group) wrestle with the gravity of these questions, you'll begin to make important discoveries about your role in the Justice Movement.

This series will ask you to get uncomfortable and to get involved. It's not our natural response to go, but a movement will be born in a heart after God. The first step is knowing that God brings us close and strengthens us to do His work.

VIDEO

Click on the link to the right to watch and download the *Break the Cycle* video for Session 1.

Or visit <https://vimeo.com/131470385>



THINGS WE BELIEVE

We believe in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

We believe in the power of God's Word.

We believe we are in need of God in all aspects of life.

We believe that freedom through Jesus is for the whole human race, and all can turn to Him.

We believe in God working through us.

We believe we are called to be about God's justice, mercy, healing, and reconciliation in the world.

We believe that young people discover their worth in the bigger story of God when they have opportunities to serve and exercise their faith.

We believe in active dreaming.

We believe in wonder, awe, and celebration.

We believe in rest and in hope.

THINGS WE VALUE

WE ARE CHRISTIAN

As members of the worldwide Church, we tell the story of Jesus' and His ability to redeem our hearts and creation.

WE ARE BEING TRANSFORMED

God, who is holy, calls us to a life of the same. We believe that the Holy Spirit searches our hearts to clean us up from sin; to renew us in the image of God; to give us the ability to love God with our whole heart, soul, mind, and strength; and to be able to love our neighbors in the same way. God creates the character of Christ in us.

WE HAVE A JOB

We are sent to respond to the stories that shouldn't be in the world with God's story. It is a story with redemptive potential. We are empowered by the Holy Spirit to go everywhere the wind reaches, sharing hope and truth, reflecting Jesus, interrupting cycles of injustice, and participating with God in building the Body of Christ.

(Matthew 28:19-20; 2 Corinthians 6:1)



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TEACHING OUTLINE

MESSAGE: JESUS BUILDS BRIDGES AND BREAKS CYCLES.

CONNECTION

All of us feel the tension when we are stuck in a cycle. Whether it's a bad habit or a difficult situation. Being stuck in it isn't what we want, but resisting it can seem just as scary.

We've been a part of stories that shouldn't be in the world--and they're not hard to find. Sometimes these stories are subtle and hard to see, but there are many stories visible to all. It's a story that everyone knows but may feel helpless to do anything about.

THE ACHE

Have you ever said to yourself, "I know it's bad, but there's nothing I can do about this"? It's tempting to think we can't do anything — until we meet someone who believes that they can.

Hearing about so many problems can cause a numb "I just can't take another sad story" feeling. Like a baseball or football team that has the ability to symbolically destroy the other team in scoring, there's a moment when the "mercy" rule applies. Because losing hurts.

GOD SPEAKS

The prophet Amos paints a picture of what it could be like when we're surrounded by awful things that seem immovable or unchanging. Because our power is not from us but from God (2 Corinthians 4:7), we should choose jumping in instead of numbing out. The prophetic imagination of Amos leads the way:

Do you know what we want?

We want justice—oceans of it.

We want fairness—rivers of it.

*That's what we want. That's all we want. **Amos 5:24 (The Message)***

But how do we echo this message and live it when it's our instinct to care more about who is watching than about who is hurting?

Answer: You pray for transformation. You ask for God to interrupt our cycle and change it. You ask for God to show you your worth in Christ. The truth is, you are worth Jesus to God. Your renewed life was so important to God it was worth sacrificing Jesus for. God loves all of us that much. And that knowledge has the potential to change how you feel about you and how empowered you feel about influencing others in this world.

John 3:16, Mark 2:18-22, John 5:1-9

The process begins with us. Before you can reach out, you have to look in. You have to know what Jesus can do within you before you can tell others what Jesus can do within them. First, you have to make the move from casually hanging around the idea that Jesus can break the cycles to actively reaching out and asking Him to do it in your life.

Can you imagine sitting next to a pool that heals people? There'd be a line to get into that pool! You could make a lot of money selling tickets to that pool! There was a pool like this in Jerusalem, and when it was stirred it could heal the ones who were first to the water. In John 5, we meet a man who waited by those waters for decades. The remedy was scarce. He was trapped in a cycle of not being able to reach the water. Each time he was able to get there, it was too late.

THE HOPE

Living water isn't scarce. Our healing isn't wait-listed, hoarded, or corrupt. Jesus didn't come to put a patch on the things that are broken in your life. Jesus came to make you new.

And Jesus answers the cry for justice in the stories around us. He sees how many people are going without, and He is asking us to be a part of the healing.

APPLICATION

God is able to break the unhealthy cycles in your life and hopes to use your story to help others find the bridge out of brokenness and into a full life.

- 1) Embrace what Jesus is doing in your life and accept His help.
- 2) Let your life be repurposed as an OFFERING.
- 3) Be in the culture, but not made of it. Be re-made in God's love.
- 4) As you come to life, the world around you will come to life too.

ACTIVITY

Illustrate a bridge together with your group. Draw it in the dirt, on a piece of paper, or on fabric. Talk about what a bridge does, what its purpose is. Then imagine Jesus building a bridge using the materials of your life. What materials would he choose to support the highway of justice around you?

LANDING

Jesus builds the bridges. Jesus breaks the cycles. Trust Him to do the work of satisfying every thirst.



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TEACHING SCRIPT

MESSAGE: JESUS BUILDS BRIDGES AND BREAKS CYCLES.

CONNECTION STORY:

Tell a personal story about a time when you were dealing with one of these things:

- you were stuck in a bad habit
- a cycle you were stuck in that hurt you or your family
- you couldn't see a solution for the cycle of injustice around you

(Feel free to tell a funny story. There will be plenty of space for more serious stories.)

Maybe they're things that have been wrong for a long time. Maybe they are things that just happened five minutes ago. We can take a walk to see it. We can turn on the news for five minutes, read the internet, scroll Twitter, or visit websites that voice concerns about global problems. We can name so many!

THE ACHE

Have you ever said to yourself, "There's nothing I can do about this" when facing a situation that's too big for you? It's tempting to think we can't do anything — until we meet someone who believes that he or she can. Our hope is that you will see the possible in the middle of the impossible and make a decision to do something different.

Hearing about so many problems can cause a numb "I just can't take another sad story" feeling. But it's important for all of us to move from feeling to action. To making a decision about what you believe and acting on that.

It's tough to move beyond passive acceptance. We're uncomfortable with the cycle, but fighting it hurts more.

STORY:

Parents have a way of knowing when a child is ready for potty training. Sometimes you'll see a small child standing still (not normal), gazing off into the atmosphere. Maybe they have a quizzical look on their face, maybe their eyes aren't blinking. Sometimes they hide from you while they do this. This is how you know that they're getting close to being able to be trained to use a toilet (or latrine).

Parents try everything when teaching their kids this new skill. And no parent wants to see their child continue to wear a diaper into adulthood or to make messes.

They don't want them to stay stuck in a cycle that needs to end.

They don't want them to sit in the mess that they're used to making.

They don't want that for someone they love.

And God doesn't want that for you.

Our lives were meant for a new cycle. The cycle of sine we were born with needs replacing. Our lives have been broken from the beginning and we are used to living with the brokenness, unless we learn another way. Unless we accept what God has offered. You can break the cycle. You can interrupt its momentum.

You can stop the cycle's. Whatever "it" is.

No more passive acceptance. No more open wounds. No more imprisonment. No more missing pieces. No more fear. No more silence. It's time to take a stand against death, disease, fear, and uncertainty in your life. When you are able to move out of it, you will be able to help others move out of it too.

Think about some things your cycle brings.

Hurts lead us to do and be things we wouldn't necessarily want to do and be.

Painful habits plague us with guilt and harm our bodies, hearts, and minds.

Hangups that we can't get passed, forgiveness seems so far away.

We feel what it is, but a feeling doesn't help the cycle change.

The thing is, a feeling of discontent won't stop cycles of injustice. You have to turn the feeling into active resistance.

But this requires a strong force of interruption.

(Possible Story)If you've ever owned an electronic device, you know they don't last forever. Why? Because electronics get slow. The code inside is a straight line when we buy it but with every App, every call, every text, the code is interrupted. The interruptions make it so the code takes longer to start again. Sometimes it never can start again. It just gives up. It can't handle the force against it.

God has a method for breaking the code of injustice in the world.

GOD SPEAKS

Meet the Israelites. They were set aside by God to be representatives of His justice (God's putting things right) in the world.

Since sin entered the world, it's been infested with brokenness--with injustice. God's people fell into painful cycles. One cycle was the habit of forgetting who God was. When they'd get stuck, turn their backs, go their own way, God would hear their cries and His heart would break for His people, and God would come to their rescue. But they would forget, and the cycle would continue. They were trapped by the same issues, the same forgetfulness, the same sin.

But God loves His people. God's love for us is a covenant love. That means it's unbreakable. By God's very nature, He can't stop loving us. It's who God is. It's what God does.

At the same time, God's commitment to justice is also a covenant commitment. God works to make the wrong things right again. God's action since creation is making things and relationships right again. That's who He is. That what He

does.

Because of God's commitment to justice, God won't ignore sin. He won't ignore the brokenness. But because of his love, this unbreakable covenant love, God won't ignore us. He had to find a way to accomplish justice without breaking his covenant with the ones he loved so much.

John 3:16 says, *"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."*

Jesus became the vast and ever-expanding, once-and-for-all interruption to the vicious, broken cycles of this world. In Jesus, God took all of the injustices onto himself and replaced them with Justice that flows like a river and righteousness like a never-ending stream. The love of Jesus is the answer that Amos was looking for. Jesus is God's declaration that things aren't right — but that they most definitely will be made right in Him.

What does this mean for you? For me?

Look at John chapter 5, the story happens at the Pool of Bethesda during one of the Jewish festivals in Jerusalem.

Jesus isn't in the midst of the festival where everyone who's anyone would be. Jesus camps outside at the Pool of Bethesda, a place where the disabled, blind, lame, and paralyzed people were. Jesus was showing the world that God's justice is unbiased. He was saying with his presence at the pool, that the vulnerable were a priority.

The Scripture says that whenever the pool was stirred, the first person who touched the water would be healed of their affliction. What would happen is similar to what happens when someone opens up a pack of gum in the middle of a group of teenagers. The first ones to the pack get a piece of gum, and the stragglers are left with none. Except the people at the pool had a lot more at stake than fresh breath. They were fighting for their lives.

So the water would stir, and there would be this race of hurting, sick, and disabled people all trying to get to the water where only one would be healed.

Here's where we all need to learn a new word. *Scarcity*. There's scarcity in this story — something a lot of people need and not enough of it to go around.

The pool was located just a short distance away from where a celebration was taking place. A celebration full of people with the means to most likely care for every individual gathered around that pool. And yet they're forced into this cycle of waiting by the water in hopes that they will be the lucky one this time to receive the help they need.

In our world today, two-thirds of the resources available are consumed by one-third of the people. The greater majority is forced to sit by the pool. Some of us would have been sitting by that pool. Some of us would be at the festival. Jesus wants us to see that regardless where we find ourselves, our attention should be given to the one in need.

The man Jesus encounters has been an invalid for 38 years. It doesn't tell us how long he's been sitting by the pool, but it wouldn't be a stretch to imagine most of that time he has been there. So imagine this vicious cycle. Every day this man sits by the water. And each time the pool is stirred he crawls, claws, strains, does whatever he can to get to the water just to watch someone else beat him there. Every day for over thirty years. It's not right.

And you've probably felt that way about someone or something that you've seen around you. People without homes living on the street. Children begging. Children who are abused. Water sources diminishing. Someone getting treated unfairly. You know it's not right when someone is denied their basic needs.

Jesus' first words to this man seem almost like a joke. Jesus asks him, "Do you want to get well?" Of course he wants to get well! He's been lying by this pool for years in hopes of getting well. Every time the water stirs he tries to get to the water and every time someone gets there first and his condition remains unchanged.

Interestingly, the man replies like this:

“Sir, I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me.”

What a strange response. Sometimes we can get so accustomed to the broken cycles within us and around us that we can't see anything else. We can't see a way that the cycle can be broken because, in reality, we've grown comfortable with the brokenness. It's what we know.

“Then Jesus said to him, ‘Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.’ At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked.”

Jesus steps in, breaks the cycle, heals this man, and teaches the rich pre-occupied partiers in the distance that they have a job to do--that they're missing the joy of justice.

The same question is for us too. Do you want to get well? When you see the broken cycles in your own life and the lives of those you love, when you see the broken systems of this world that have some people struggling just to have clean water while others take the resource for granted and even waste it without thinking. When you see

APPLY IT

You could be sitting there thinking about the broken cycles in your life, or the broken cycles that you see around you. You could be asking, How do I begin? The first step is handing it to Jesus. Truly giving it over. Saying here is my old and busted up way of being. Here is my mess and the messed-up, vicious cycle we've created. The stuff in me and the stuff I see around me. From my own sin to water insecurity. We need you, Jesus, in all of it. Make it all new.

There are more than a few young people around the world who are saying, “Build the bridge, Jesus, break the cycles!” They're saying, “Use me to help replace brokenness with new life.”

Achiya is a mother in Bangladesh, a widow living with her son. Getting to a source of water is tricky. Rivers and ponds are filled with salt. She and her family bathe and wash with saltwater. They collect rainwater to drink and cook. During the dry season, she rents a tricycle or hires a driver and travels six miles to get water. When freshwater dries up, she goes to another pond--by boat. It takes an entire day for her to go to that pond.. She will do whatever it takes to provide water her for her family.

Thilak is 13. He lives in Sri Lanka. Every day, he helps his mom carry his life source from a well that is a half a mile away. He has five siblings. They share the water for the day. They depend on rain to water their garden. Human waste and waste from the community contaminate their ground water--a challenge that causes many illnesses. He hopes to help find a solution for the water contamination in his community.

Chelsea is a 15-year-old girl living in the USA. She attends a school where there are more than 10 drinking fountains. Water flows quickly from a faucet, it travels from rivers to reservoirs that are treated and it's safe to drink. She asked her family to build a garden instead of having grass in their yard at home. They conserve water this way, and it also helps them to save money on vegetables. She wants to conserve what is precious and be able to give more because she has made these personal decisions.

What binds these stories together is that these individuals have decided not to just sit by the pool or attend the festival while the broken cycles simply play out before their very eyes. They've decided to answer Jesus' question “Do you want to get well?” with a definitive “Yes!” Here is this cycle I've been enslaved by. Here is the pattern that has led to our brokenness. Take it and make it new through me.

Jesus came to disrupt the cycle of sin once and for all. To say that things aren't right, but they will be. Whatever broken cycle you're dealing with or whatever broken system you recognize, you don't have to passively accept it. You

can and should actively resist it.

Through Jesus, God is saying to us, “Give me your cycle—the cycle of sin, fear, regret, addiction, or [fill in the blank]. Reject its broken way, and I’ll show you a new way. ... Thirst for me and you’ll never be thirsty again.”

Throughout this series we are going to be drawing parallels between the work of Jesus, the imagery of water in the Story of God, and the need for clean water for individuals who don’t have it.

Water matters because it brings life. Where there is no water there is no life. [Jesus is the living water.] Jesus knew that in the same way our bodies get thirsty, our souls get thirsty, too.

Your first challenge is to drink only water during your Just Water journey. Every time you do drink water, think about what we’ve learned together, what it means for God to make things right as you respond to this challenge. Think about the voice you will be for those who don’t have access to basic human needs.

LANDING

God is able to break the cycle in your life and hopes to use your story to help others find the bridge out of brokenness and into wholeness and life.

- 1) Embrace what Jesus is doing in your life and accept His help.
- 2) Let your life be repurposed as an OFFERING.
- 3) Be in the culture, but not made of it. Be re-made in God’s love.
- 4) As you come to life, the world around you will come to life too.

Now you’re ready for your JUST WATER journey, and you’ll grow in your faith and you’ll learn about water. Water matters. Where there is no water, there is no life. Water is precious — the stuff people drink and the stuff Jesus offers. Both are vital for survival. You’re going to learn about what went wrong. And what we can do to make sure as many people as possible have access to both physical water and the living water Jesus offers.

“But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!” (Amos 5:24, NIV)



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SMALL GROUPS

NOTE FOR LEADER OR PARENT:

Ask questions in a pace that works for your group or family. Silence can be a good thing. Try to steer away from yes/no questions, and affirm the different contributions each person gives to the discussion. You can facilitate the group conversation to be most meaningful by giving more time to the places people feel most engaged.

GROUP QUESTIONS

- 1) What are some things you see in our world that break your heart?
- 2) Have you ever felt too small or too insignificant to change things that shouldn't be?
- 3) Before we can reach out, we have to look in. Have you seen ways Jesus breaks messed-up cycles in your own life?
- 4) Jesus asked the man by the pool, "Do you want to get well?" How do you think that question made him feel?
- 5) If your life were a bridge, what materials do you think it would be made of? (Cue the discussion to include personal qualities that could be used while serving others.)



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SESSION 2

MOVEMENT MESSAGE

MESSAGE: RIGHT AGAIN

INTRODUCTION

In Session 2 we will begin to learn about water and why it matters, then come up with creative solutions for helping everyone on the planet have access to it. Because the truth is, water is part of breaking life-threatening cycles of poverty in people's lives. And that's something we can learn to support on our JUST WATER journey.

VIDEO

Click on the link to the right to watch and download the *Right Relationship* video for Session 2.

Or visit <https://vimeo.com/131470401>





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TEACHING OUTLINE

MESSAGE: RIGHT AGAIN

CONNECTION

Have you ever been in a car that was out of alignment? Or have you ever seen something that just wasn't right? Maybe when you saw something weird happening with the weather or someone doesn't get something they worked hard for, you and your friends said in unison, "Whoa, that's not right?!"

Water is out of alignment too--it's one of those things that isn't right in some places and God has a plan for us to get involved to be able to make water just again. What is just water? It's water returning to a place in the world where it brings life--not sickness. It's water that is shared--not scarce. It is water that leads to hope, growth, and freedom--not despair, weakness, and oppression. Just water is water that is good, as God created it to be.

oppression <http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/oppression>

noun op-pres-sion \ə-'pre-shən\

1

a : unjust or cruel exercise of authority or power

b : something that [oppresses](#) especially in being an unjust or excessive exercise of power

2

: a sense of being weighed down in body or mind :

THE ACHE

ALMOST ONE BILLION PEOPLE LIVE WITHOUT SAFE WATER. [Count to 60. In that time, a child has died because of water-related illnesses that could have been prevented. In fact, a child dies every single minute because of water-related illnesses that could have been prevented.](#) It's obvious that something isn't right. (Here's our cue, young church.) It's time for us to notice the corrupt systems and relationships that give water inequality a foothold in the world.

God isn't silent on the issue.
And neither do we need to be

GOD SPEAKS

Genesis 2:1-15: The story of Eden. The rivers in Eden and the placement of Adam there shows how water came first and came to support the lives of the humans God created. This was how God had imagined we would live forever. But we didn't. ***Sin changed the landscape of our world and the landscape of our hearts.***

It was God's plan through Jesus that we would be returned to a place of rightness and that all of creation would follow. Jesus did this by joining the suffering he saw and being the catalyst for it's redemption.

Justice becomes intimate for you when injustice is no longer about someone else far away, but about a brother or sister in the family of God.

God is inviting you to embrace this way of life.

Jesus sets up the work flow and that takes us straight to the heart of justice.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' this is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments." (Matthew 22:37-40, NIV)

Jesus is giving us a clear picture of what right relationship looks like.

Psalm 33:4-5 says that God loves whatever is good and just. That means we can trust everything that God does.

We can trust Jesus when he offers us living water.

We can trust him that this is the truth.

We can trust that our participation in Just Water is a part of a bigger story that ultimately will make all things new.

ACTIVITY

Foot Washing

THE HOPE

Psalm 107:1-9

This Psalm is knowledge we need to keep going. Our burdens could turn to burnout if we ignore the promises that God provides. Our burdens could feel too heavy to bear if we forget our position as advocates on the journey, supporting one another in the story of God's care for the world. Your life, wrapped in Christ, wrapped in the Church, can help make things right.

WHY WATER?

A better question might be, Why not? Why wouldn't we care when so many suffer? We can amplify the voices of those who aren't being heard. We can speak on behalf of those voices that have been quieted and beg to be heard.

LANDING (CALL TO ACTION)

Water is made **right** when you get **right** in the middle of what God is doing through the Church.

The question is, Are you ready to join God's justice? Are you ready to make a move? If the answer is yes, then welcome to the adventure.



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TEACHING SCRIPT

MESSAGE: WHERE THERE IS WATER, THERE IS LIFE.

CONNECTION

Have you ever been in a car that was out of alignment? The driver has to use extra effort to keep the car going in a straight line. The car wasn't designed to do that. It loses its alignment over time when it hits bumps in the road, and it can't get back in line without some major adjustments. It's the same with water. Water is out of alignment in our world, and God has a plan for us to get involved in making things right again.

Right relationships are at the heart of justice; relationships between God and us, us and each other, and between us and creation. All three things are strengthened by the others. God had a plan for water from the beginning and wants to invite us into the solution of making it right again.

THE ACHE IN THE WORLD

Sometimes we forget how basic and necessary water is.

Sometimes we think that [the global water situation](#) is unchangeable because it's so big.

Sometimes we are unaware that our water story could be different and that we have a lot to learn about speaking on another person's behalf.

The bottom line is that water doesn't come easy for people all over the world, it isn't clean for many, and hygiene isn't always a given. The lack of all three take away from what it means to be whole. To be healthy. To be cared for in the most basic ways.

God created water (Genesis 1:6-10). It's one of life's basic necessities. But there is a crisis. 700 million people live without clean drinking water. Why, when water was meant to support life and change our lives, is it making so many sick? Why isn't it available to everyone? Some women and kids spend hours and hours each day just gathering water. Walking for water leaves them vulnerable. Drinking water that causes sickness leaves people vulnerable. Poor sanitation causes even more sickness. And kids miss out on education because they're walking for water. If water changes everything, then why isn't it changing all of our lives for good? What can we do?

We can begin by learning about water and why it matters and then come up with creative solutions for helping everyone on the planet have access to it. Because the truth is, water is part of breaking life-threatening cycles of poverty in people's lives. And that's something we can learn to support on our JUST WATER journey.

THE TRUTH IN GOD'S WORD

Tell a personal story about a time when something was made right in your world.

- Think of times when you were convinced that something was true.
- Think of moments when something happened that proved the hope you have.
- Think of your childhood and the ways and reasons you believed and hoped so wildly.

Psalm 33:4-5 NIV says:

*“For the word of the Lord is right and true;
he is faithful in all he does.
The Lord loves righteousness and justice;
the earth is full of his unfailing love.”*

When we see things made right again, when we see creation and hearts restored, we see our God. This is our God, the one who fills the world with unfailing love and is faithful in what is right and true.

You're going to be learning a lot about the word justice during this series, about what it means and what it looks like in the world. But one very important thing that you have to know and may have never thought about is this: At the heart of justice is right relationship. In fact, the reason why God cares so much about putting right is so we can be in right relationship with Him, with each other, and with this world.

An easy way for us to recognize when justice isn't flowing like a river—when things aren't in right relationship—is when we see that the very things that were meant to bring life are actually causing death and sickness.

Catch the story in Genesis Chapter 2 (NIV)

“This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, when the Lord God made the earth and the heavens.

Now no shrub had yet appeared on the earth and no plant had yet sprung up, for the Lord God had not sent rain on the earth and there was no one to work the ground, but streams came up from the earth and watered the whole surface of the ground. Then the Lord God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

Now the Lord God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed. The Lord God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground—trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

A river watering the garden flowed from Eden; from there it was separated into four headwaters. The name of the first is the Pishon; it winds through the entire land of Havilah, where there is gold. (The gold of that land is good; aromatic resin and onyx are also there.) The name of the second river is the Gihon; it winds through the entire land of Cush. The name of the third river is the Tigris; it runs along the east side of Ashur. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.”

Can you see the picture in your mind now? Everything in right relationship. The earth, the water, humans, and God. It's hard for us to even imagine on this side of Eden, but this is all we were meant to know. It was God's plan (God's heart) that we would only know justice and goodness all of our lives. God **intended** right relationships.

This is where the story of water comes in. It plays out in the Bible that this life-sustaining gift from God becomes a means of destruction and death. We see this in the form of droughts in the land, scarcity and suffering. Things clearly

aren't right as they were in the Garden. Creation ached. Hearts ached. And water became something different than it was created for.

BUT because God is true and right, sets out to put things right—to redeem creation, water, and his people. Jesus tells us in the book of John that anyone who is thirsty can come to him and drink. *“Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.” John 7:38 NIV*

God longs to see the return of right relationships. God longs to see water become a healing thing instead of a hurting thing. And this is still the journey we're on today.

In our world today nearly 1 BILLION PEOPLE LIVE WITHOUT SAFE WATER. A child dies every minute because of water related illnesses that could have been prevented. It's obvious that something isn't right. Relationships aren't right. **How do we change it?**

You change it by imagining your brother, your sister, your family, yourself. And then responding out of care and concern.

STORY:

Things changed when youth in South Asia (Nepal - show the map) had compassion on the neighbors living in higher altitudes--barren and dry lands contribute to a scarce water situation The youth noticed how the long walks for water (oftentimes contaminated) cause pain for the people. They suffered without fresh, clean water. The youth of Nepal imagined that the suffering was their own. They imagined it was happening to their own family. They got involved in making things right by raising the money to drill a tube well, and then they dug it themselves.

It's a beautiful story but also complicated. Raising funds wasn't easy. Sometimes volunteers didn't show up. The youth who started the project began to see how the whole village could use these challenges as an exercise in unity. They didn't give up, they trusted that justice was a worthy dream, and they made a way to eliminate the suffering created by a lack of safe, clean water.

Justice becomes intimate for you when injustice is no longer about someone else far away, but about a brother or sister in the family of God.

God is inviting you to embrace this way of life.

There was a man who approached Jesus and tried to trick him. He asked, *“Which is the greatest commandment?”* Jesus didn't hesitate to bring the man straight to the heart of justice.

One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, “Of all the commandments, which is the most important?”

“The most important one,” answered Jesus, “is this: ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.”

Mark 12:28-31 NIV

Jesus gives us a clear picture of what right relationship looks like.

Imagine three streams flowing into a garden. If one is weaker than the others, then the whole garden suffers. The parts that become weak and malnourished die and infect the parts that are still healthy. Our life is meant to nourish the lives of those around us and to find ways to break the cycles that keep nourishment from others. Our lives should be like three equal flowing streams of love for God, self, and others.

God's word reveals that whenever we encounter people who are hurting, lost, imprisoned, widowed, orphaned,

marginalized, whenever we hear about people who suffer without fresh, clean water — when you bump into people with these stories it is very much like bumping into Jesus. It's our opportunity to serve him and to move on their behalf.

God cares so intimately about justice that He places himself in the place of those suffering injustice.

You never have to second guess yourself when your decisions are directed by the priorities of Jesus. Your voice for the sick will be a place where you see God. Your effort to support people in need is a ministry directly to Jesus. Your desire to listen for the cry of a child is a desire to be close to God's heart.

To do justice the way that Jesus taught would mean that you wouldn't be able to sleep until you knew that the one in front of you, the one who is suffering, would be more okay today than yesterday.

You wouldn't be able to rest until you knew for sure that your brother or sister was safe. You simply wouldn't have the ability to remove yourself from their place of suffering.

Are we prepared for issues of justice to become this intimate in our lives?

An advocate within the Justice Movement recently traveled to Mozambique to a village with a depleting water source. In this village they had a functioning hand pump well, but it broke. That meant women and children would have to return to walking a great distance for water each day, and they would have to gather water contaminated by disease.

The advocate watched as women and kids stood in the back of the line, hoping there would still be some left when it came to their turn to reach in and draw water. Next to the water source there was a dirty puddle. This is where everyone was forced to draw water once the source was dry for the day.

The advocate watched this happening, and she couldn't help but imagine her two little girls cupping their hands and drinking from that dirty puddle and thinking, *This can't be! This simply cannot be.*

This reality isn't right. And it won't become right until issues like clean water and sanitation become so intimate for us that we see our brothers and sisters, our sons and daughters, in them.

An awesome moment between Jesus and his disciples was when Jesus washes the disciples feet. Jesus did the simple things that expressed profound truth, wisdom, and love.

The disciples had been walking around in their hot, filthy sandals all day, and now they were coming in for a meal. The way they ate was to lounge, so someone's feet wouldn't be far from your face. So imagine eating a meal without someone's sweaty, dirty feet dripping all over your food. Jesus sees the need and he cares for them in a very intimate and personal way. He takes what's wrong in the room (dirty, smelly feet) and makes them right. But he doesn't tell a servant to do it — he becomes the servant and gets it done.

He's inviting you and me to do the same. As you learn the stories of water problems in your backyard and all over the world, you have an opportunity to be the divine interruption that changes things.

ACTIVITY

Have a simple foot washing ceremony with your group.

Gather a basin, bucket, or other container to hold a bit of water. Get some rags, towels, or other cloth to wipe each person's feet. Before you begin, notice the effect water has on the cloth you use. Your action combined with the addition of water to a cloth changes the reality of a person's feet situation.

Take turns washing feet and praying that God will show you the needs of the people around you, that God would break your heart to help make things right again. Pray that you would all get involved in supporting the Church as it brings clean, safe water to the kids and families who are in desperate need.

As you finish remind each other that when you wash a person's feet. When you get into the mess that you want to change, you are saying that you want to care about those who suffer without clean water and sanitation resources. You care so much that it's like your brother, your sister, it's like it's you — [it's like Jesus \(Matthew 25\)](#).

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We can trust Jesus when he offers us living water.

We can trust him when he prioritizes serving others over wanting to be served.

We can trust that our participation in the restoration of water is a part of a bigger story that ultimately will make all things new.

THE HOPE

Every one of us has the opportunity to be a part of Just Water in the world. Every one of us has the chance to be a part of God's [plan](#) to satisfy the thirsty in every corner of the earth.

Read Psalm 107 NSRA (paraphrased)

O give thanks to the LORD, for God is good; for God's steadfast love endures forever. Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, those God redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south. Some wandered in the desert wastes, finding no way to an inhabited town; hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them. Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress. God led them by a straight way, until they reached an inhabited town. Let them thank the Lord for God's steadfast love, for God's wonderful works to humankind. For God satisfies the thirsty, and the hungry God fills with good things.

LANDING

Water is made right when you get right in the middle of what God is doing through the Church to restore justice.

The question is, are you ready to join the Justice Movement? Are you ready to make a move? If the answer is yes, then welcome to the adventure.

RECITE SCRIPTURE TOGETHER:

*"But let justice roll on like a river,
righteousness like a never-failing stream!" (Amos 5:24, NIV)*



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SMALL GROUPS

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GROUP QUESTIONS

- 1) Assume you have access to safe water. How would your life change if you didn't have access to safe water?
- 2) Now, assume you do not have access to safe water. How would your life change if you were to gain access?
- 3) Sin changed the landscape of our hearts and our world. Love changes it too. What are some ways you've seen love change the landscape of your life?
- 4) What makes not having access to clean safe water unjust? What does the word unjust mean to you?
- 5) Describe and brainstorm some ideas about how you would like to see your church get involved in changing the global water crisis.



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SESSION 3

MOVEMENT MESSAGE

MESSAGE: RIVERS OF LIFE

INTRODUCTION

In Session 3 we will look at how God is challenging us to be open to being a part of solution--He will pour life into you so that you can pour your life out for Him.

Think about the many things God whispers to your heart and how you can respond as Jesus would.

VIDEO

Click on the link to the right to watch and download the *Rivers of Life* video for Session 3.

Or visit <https://vimeo.com/131470427>





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TEACHING OUTLINE

MESSAGE: RIVERS OF LIFE

CONNECTION

Tell a personal story:

- Talk about something that someone has said to you repeatedly. Maybe it's a story or a phrase, maybe even something you find annoying (like a parent telling a not-funny joke or reminding you, "Be careful making that face — it could get stuck like that!"). Then share the moment when you started telling the same story or joke-out of habit — out of memory because someone had poured whatever it was into you.

THE ACHE

Let's take a look at the numbers.

- **30,000** deaths occur every seven days because of unsafe water and unhygienic living conditions.
- **27,000** of those deaths are children under 5 years old

No one needs to convince you there's a problem. You are convinced already. But you may have a more difficult time imagining what you can do to change this injustice. Perhaps it's because you haven't learned about what will flow out of you when you let God pour into you. Let's talk about it a little more.

THE TRUTH IN GOD'S WORD

God challenges us to be open to being a part of solution--He will pour life into you so that you can pour your life out for Him.

The prophets echo the way things will be someday when the landscape of creation and the landscape of our hearts match the justice of God again.

Amos' call sounds like a gong:

"Let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!"

Amos 5:24
Ezekiel 47:1-12
John 7:38

ACTIVITY

- 1) How Water Works - List
 - 2) Noelani's Infographic
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APPLICATION

As God pours into you, you'll begin to grow restless to respond as Jesus would. Think about the many things God whispers to your heart. Do you believe them?

Are you ready to take all the living water that's been building up in your life **and let it** loose on the world?

Spend some time thinking about how you will do that in small groups.

LANDING

When creation returns to all that it was created to be, when our hearts are restored and made whole again, the consequence is life's water flowing in ways that bless and heal.

YOUR LIFE WAS Poured INTO SO YOU COULD Pour YOURS OUT FOR OTHERS.



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TEACHING SCRIPT

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THE ACHE IN THE WORLD

It's not uncommon to feel a bit hopeless or useless when we see situations where children are malnourished and sick. There is a cycle of pain that is visible when we see families unable to care for each other. There is a story that needs to change. We know that **access to sanitation, the practice of good hygiene and a safe water supply could save the lives of 1.5 million children a year**, but we don't know how to help. Where do we begin?

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We believe that these unjust realities shouldn't be — they anger us. But God was the first to be angry and first to be compassionate toward those in need. God wants to use us to do something about what we see and feel. In many ways, the sins of our parents and the sins of our generation contribute to the cycles of poverty that push people down and keep them sick and vulnerable. So we may even feel some guilt about what we see. But God has some things to say about how we respond.

THE TRUTH IN GOD'S WORD

God challenges us to be a part of solution--He will pour into you so that you can be poured out for Him.

Remember, we've talked about the story of God's people and the horrible cycles they fell into. We can't forget that Jesus became the divine interruption for those cycles, making it possible for relationship and creation to be restored. Jesus did that. First.

In the middle of those cycles, we find in God's story these people called prophets. The job of a prophet wasn't super fun. It wasn't even a little bit of fun. One of their main jobs was to remind the people of what they didn't want to be reminded of. The reminders were mainly about how far people had wandered away from God and what the consequences of that wandering would be. They mentioned the words exile and slavery, a lot. Intense, right?

But there's good news: A prophet's job was strangely beautiful, too. Usually after they had explained how awful things had become and how life would look if they stayed in their patterns, they would paint a picture or tell a story of what life would be like after the cycle ended.

What became established through the prophets was an oral tradition, a remembered language. Certain terms and sayings would remind the people of God that there is more, that there is hope. Their ears couldn't help but perk up because it meant good stuff to come, relief was on the way.

The prophet Isaiah talks about "a new heaven and a new earth." It's not a surprise that the phrase would be repeated in the book of Revelation.

People would hear this phrase and say, *"Oh yeah, I remember this is my heritage. It means something good is coming. It means something good is becoming in me."*

Another idea that the prophets repeat is the idea of "living water." Jeremiah mentions it when explaining how far God's people had strayed, saying ...

*"My people have committed two sins:
They have forsaken me,
the spring of living water,
and have dug their own cisterns"*

and again:

*"Lord, you are the hope of Israel;
all who forsake you will be put to shame.
Those who turn away from you will be written in the dust
because they have forsaken the Lord,
the spring of living water."*

The prophet Zechariah speaks about in more of a positive light saying ...

"On that day living water will flow out from Jerusalem, half of it east to the Dead Sea and half of it west to the Mediterranean Sea, in summer and in winter."

And one of the most beautiful pictures of this is from Ezekiel. He gets this vision while the temple is being rebuilt and a river is flowing out from the temple, the house of God, in all different directions, and it's sustaining and fortifying the land and its people. And wherever the river flows there is life — and not just regular life, but life that goes on and on.

Then we hear from Amos, who supplied the vision for this entire movement. Amos uses the same idea when he says ...

*“Let justice roll on like a river,
righteousness like a never-failing stream!”*

A never-failing stream
A river that’s full of life
Living water

These would be the strange, mysterious and beautiful images still floating around in the minds of the Israelites when Jesus arrives.

FAST FORWARD to a day Jesus has a strange encounter with a woman at a well. The reason it’s strange is because there are a lot of reasons why it shouldn’t have happened.

Number one, she’s a Samaritan, and at that time Jews didn’t hang with Samaritans. But Jesus did. Aren’t you glad that our God is a God who breaks down prejudices of any kind?

Number two, she’s a woman. At that time it wasn’t proper for a man and a woman to meet in this fashion. Aren’t you glad our God is a God who chooses to build bridges instead of building walls? Sometimes, in seeking justice for this world we have to instigate things that may cause people to ask questions. To break the cycle, there will be some moments where we will need to rebel against the status quo of being afraid to reach out or afraid to take a risk on behalf of another person. Jesus shows us when to do that and how.

Number three, she is an outcast. You know what those are. They’re the ones no pays attention to, the one’s who don’t fit, the ones people make fun of. They have been refused acceptance. It was lunch time. No one would come to the well at noon unless they were cast out from society because it was the hottest part of the day. She was not the socially acceptable person for Jesus to socialize with, but He did anyway.

Jesus asks her for a drink.

“The Samaritan woman said to him, ‘You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?’

Jesus answered her, ‘If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.’”

There it is! That phrase, the idea that would spark so many memories of what the prophets were talking about. Something good must be coming or maybe has already come.

Later Jesus says this about this water:

“Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

Jesus is using this familiar language, but he’s making an important change. No longer is this living water something that just belongs to God or something that flows out of the temple. Now it seems it’s something that we can have ourselves. Jesus is saying this living water can live inside of you.

Living water lives inside of you. God pours it into you through Jesus.

In John 7:38, Jesus says, *“Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.”*

So now this living water not only resides within us, but it flows out from us. What Jesus is saying here is HUGE. We are

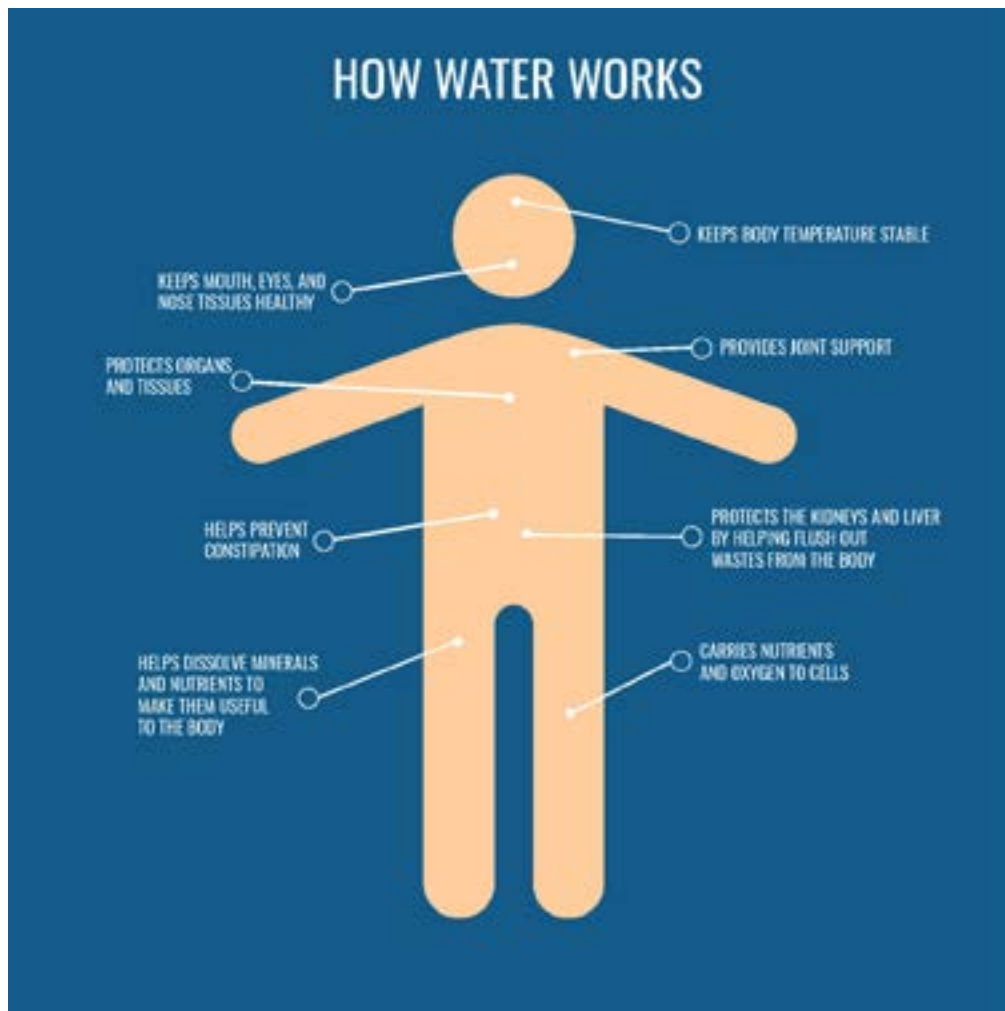
the temples, and we are the rivers of living water.

Aren't you glad that our God is a God who would trust us with the power to pour out His justice on this world? Aren't you glad that our God is a God who would give us His heart for are poor, marginalized, left out, and hurting so that we might do his will on this Earth as it is in Heaven?

I'm not sensing the same buy-in as the other "aren't you glad?" questions. I get it. We don't quite know what this means. This mysterious living water language can be a little confusing to us. What does it mean to actually BE a river of living water?

ACTIVITY

I want to show you a graphic about how water affects the entire body. You may be surprised by this.

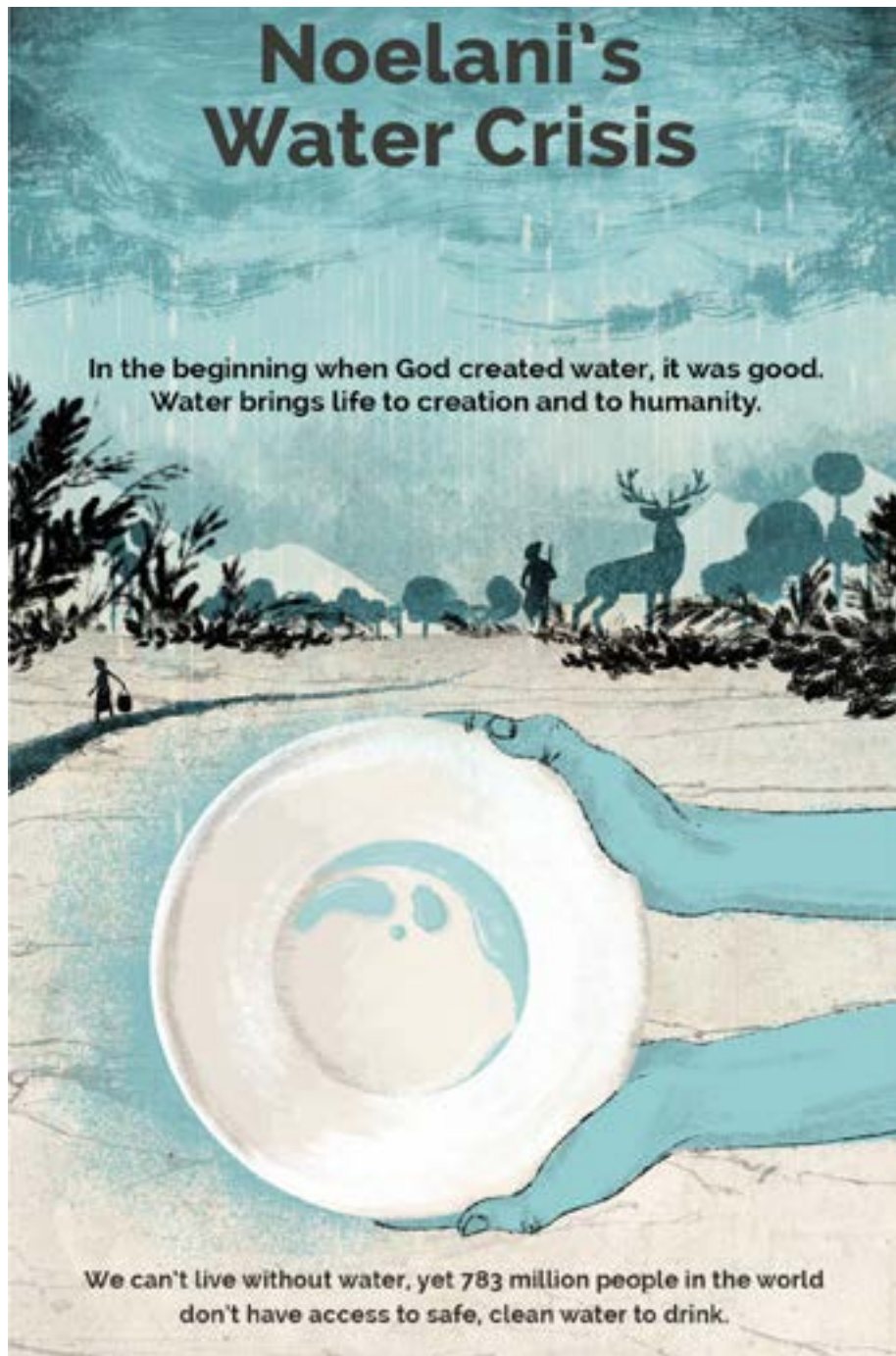


Write down five ways your abilities would change if your body didn't have access to safe water. Think about what life would be like if water wasn't helping each part of your body do it's job.

Water must flow into every place in your body.

And just like that, it was created to flow into every area of the world, for everyone to be safe and full of life.

Now I want to share another graphic with you and share a story about a girl named Noelani.



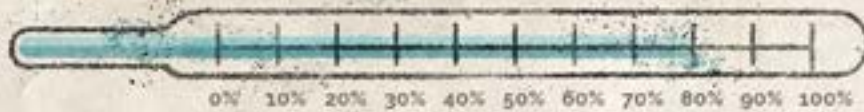


1 in 3 people in the world do not have access to improved sanitation.
Noelani is one of these people.



On an average day she walks 3.7 miles (5.95 km) to collect water.
The container of water she carries can weigh 40 pounds (18 kilograms).

Much of the water she collects is contaminated with microorganisms that cause disease. Disease from unsafe water and sanitation kills more people per year than war.



80% of all sickness and disease in the world
is caused by contaminated water.

The worst culprits?



Diarrhea

1.8 million
deaths each year

Typhoid

12 million
affected each year

Cholera

120,000
cases each year

Parasites

200 million
infected each year



Because of the time Noelani spends collecting water, she is unable to attend school.

Without an education, Noelani will be more likely to marry young, become a mother early, and continue living in poverty. Education provides opportunities for a better future. With education, Noelani could eventually help herself and her family break the cycle of poverty.



YOU can help her begin to interrupt the cycle.

YOU can help Noelani find a new path, clean water, education, and good health.

How?

The funds you raise for Just Water will help the church to:

- Teach health and hygiene practices to prevent waterborne disease
- Use simple innovation to sustainably provide safe water
- Offer tools and training for hand pump repair
- Create access to improved sanitation
- Use water to build opportunities in microbusiness
- Equip people for community development and disaster relief

STORY

Noelani* has to walk for miles to collect water for her family every day. Though water isn't scarce in southern India, where she lives, the sources near Noelani's home are polluted with deadly diseases due to poor sanitation systems--or no sanitation at all. Sometimes Noelani has to stand in line for hours a day to get safe water for her family. These are hours she would typically spend in school, growing her education and gaining opportunities for her future. The time that Noelani isn't out collecting water, she's taking care of her younger siblings — leaving her little time to play, dance, sing, and just be a kid.

On top of that because of poor sanitation Noelani struggles to maintain good hygiene because she can't do things like wash her hands in clean water. This puts her at danger for deadly disease.

When the local church began work near her village, they started by installing a well on the property. They understood that this was a vital need to the community, and things began to change.

Because of this well Noelani no longer had to spend hours a day collecting water, and she could go to school and learn instead.

Because of the clean water source, sanitation was possible so Noelani could wash her hands and perform other tasks of healthy hygiene. Because of that, her risk of disease and death went way down. She can be healthy.

Because of the church's continued presence in the community she has someone to watch after her younger siblings so that she can run, play, dance, and be a kid.

Because of all these changes her community also began to generate income through farming and other means, and the cycle of poverty could be broken for many generations to come after Noelani.

APPLICATION

As God pours life into you, you'll begin to grow restless to respond as Jesus would. Think about the many things God whispers to your heart. Do you believe them?

Are you ready to take all the living water that's been building up in your life and let it loose on the world?

Spend some time thinking about how you will do that in small groups.

This is the statement we want you to remember:

YOU WERE Poured INTO SO THAT YOU COULD Pour OUT.

This isn't a new idea that we just came up with. The prophets spoke about it and Jesus confirmed it. He poured his restorative power into you so that you might go and be a river of life for this world. And when the rivers are flowing, OH MAN, every broken part is affected

How do you want to pour out your life for those who don't have fit water, for those who suffer?

Romans 12:20 (The Message)

Our Scriptures tell us that if you see your enemy hungry, go buy that person lunch, or if he's thirsty, get him a drink.

Your generosity will surprise him with goodness. Don't let evil get the best of you; get the best of evil by doing good.

When the creation, when our hearts are restored, life's waters will flow again. YOUR LIFE WAS POURED INTO SO YOU COULD POUR YOURS OUT FOR OTHERS.

YOUR LIFE WAS POURED INTO SO YOU COULD POUR YOURS OUT

COMMIT TO MEMORIZING TOGETHER:

*"But let justice roll on like a river,
righteousness like a never-failing stream!" Amos 5:24*

OPTION: SING "I'VE GOT A RIVER OF LIFE" IN A SLOWER ACOUSTIC SET (VIDEO: JESSICA DAVIS AND OTHERS AROUND THE WORLD SINGING THIS SIMPLE CHORUS)



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SMALL GROUPS

NOTE FOR LEADER OR PARENT:

Ask questions in a pace that works for your group or family. Silence can be a good thing. Try to steer away from yes/no questions, and affirm the different contributions each person gives to the discussion. You can facilitate the group conversation to be most meaningful by giving more time to the places people feel most engaged.

GROUP QUESTIONS

- 1) Do the water statistics stir up any emotions in you? Anger? Sadness? Fear? (Or maybe the statistics are too big. Think about one child you know. If she or he died because of lack of clean water, how would you feel?)
- 2) Jesus showed us that He would be more about building bridges than building walls. How does God build bridges for justice to be experienced and lived out in your community?
- 3) Where do you see God calling your group or family to serve and build bridges so cycles of injustice can be broken?
- 4) Describe a person or people in your family or in your church who have “rivers of life” flowing out of them. What are they like? What qualities do they have? Send a message to them thanking them for setting an example for others to follow.



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SESSION 4

MOVEMENT MESSAGE

MESSAGE: JUST WATER THROUGH A JUST CHURCH

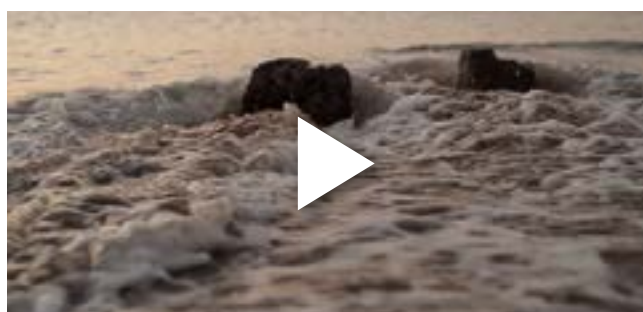
INTRODUCTION

In Session 4 we will learn about how the passion you have in your heart for justice can be a beautiful amplified through the Body of Christ. Bring your burden and your dream to the church and its leaders. Let that dream become an active part of your life.

VIDEO

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TEACHING OUTLINE

MESSAGE: THE JUST MOVE – TOGETHER WE CHANGE THE WORLD

CONNECTION

It's human to recognize need in the world. It's human to think wrong things need to be made right.

Tell a story:

- about a time when you saw an injustice and decided to respond to it
- about a time when your church met a need, and talk about the joys and the challenges of saying “yes” to doing something to fight injustice

Young people have the potential to become the greatest movement of justice in our world because they are in a unique position to do it.

THE ACHE

Sometimes it doesn't feel that way. Sometimes you may feel limited or like someone who doesn't fit in the church. If you choose to work with your church you might say things like,

It takes so long.
There aren't enough resources.
It's difficult to find a Church that seems to care.
The church isn't listening.
No one there seems to understand my passion.

All of these are valid points because sometimes they are true. But YOUR participation in the Body of Christ is the thing that changes the water challenges in the world.

Not only does the Church have YOUR passions and abilities, but it also has Jesus' passion and divine ability. This is what sets you apart and makes whole life, and whole community transformation possible.

GOD SPEAKS

Jesus went to His church, the temple where he grew up, and read the words of the prophet Isaiah. He looked back to the prophets and forward into the future—to you—and connected both in the middle with His divine love and grace. His Body connects all of us.

It was in that place that Jesus presented His mission and passion to the church. Even after being rejected repeatedly

He didn't give up. He continues to go work through us. Clearly Jesus has a different idea for what the church will be.

When Peter declared Jesus as the Messiah, Jesus' response was to call Peter the rock on which Jesus would build His church.

Jesus knew something about Peter that Peter didn't know about himself. Jesus knew that He would be able to build His church on an average guy--normal, ordinary, flawed, prone to making mistakes-- and on us.

Amos 5:24

Luke 4:14-21

Acts 2:42

Revelation 7:17

The church would be the people that Jesus would embody to restore and heal creation.

THE HOPE

God has placed a song in your heart for justice, for new life. Clean water is an expression of a world restored. It becomes a burden. It's an ache to see things changed. The good news is this, you have a beautiful amplifier called the Body of Christ. Bring your burden and your dream to the church and its leaders. Let that dream become an active part of your life.

APPLICATION

Your dreaming, activity, and influence is a part of a bigger story.

You can move from passively accepting unjust cycles you see to willingly creating justice movements through your church.

- Tell your JUST WATER story to your church (You can be burdened and burned out, or you can be burdened and vocal.)
- Tell stories of water injustice (or other injustices you see)
- Invite the church to come alongside you to write new stories about new healthy cycles

LANDING

YOUR LIFE IS A MOVEMENT IN THE BODY OF CHRIST.

MAY YOUR GIFTS IN THE MOVEMENT UNLEASH THE POWER OF THE EVER FLOWING STREAM.

AMOS 5:24



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TEACHING SCRIPT

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CONNECTION

It's human to recognize need in our world.

Tell a story:

Story example:

Students in the Philippines made a decision to be the Church when they made a move toward justice together.

They decided to go into a remote mountain community and report on the water needs. What they discovered was difficult: The community's only water source was a mountain spring muddied by dirt and contaminated by open defecation practices. The situation was not only harmful to the community, but the water there was also scarce during dry seasons. What they learned as they asked questions and as they listened to the people in the community was that they needed help installing a 3-kilometer water line.

Kids and women were spending their time twice a day gathering contaminated water. The students doing the report learned that education about hand-washing practices and latrine practices would greatly change the health of the community. This type of education wasn't seen as an important practice in the community, but it easily could be with some effort.

The students submitted the report, including interviews with community members and photos, along with a proposal for how they wanted to meet the need. They created a plan for turning a dream into reality. It was done so well, that the Church decided to meet this need. They told the story. And now a small mountain community will have a new water story.

The beautiful part about this story is that there's more than water supply being given--there's community, there's support, there's access to something their bodies need. They have access to hope.

You see, you can become the greatest movement of justice in our world because you are uniquely positioned in the Church to do it.

THE ACHE

Sometimes it feels like things like this aren't happening like this in our church. You may feel like it's easier to go around the Church to find ways to meet people's needs. Have you ever thought, "It takes so long to work with my church. There aren't enough resources. I can't find a Church that seems to care"? All of these are valid points because sometimes they are true. But YOUR participation in the church is the thing that changes the unjust cycles.

Have you ever thought that maybe the thing that is missing in the equation is you, your friends, your family, your church?

The Body of Christ maximizes YOUR passions and abilities, and expresses itself in Jesus' passion and divine ability. This is what sets the Church apart and makes community transformation possible.

What if the roadblock is actually the perception that you need to go around the church? What if the greatest opportunity is actually working through the church?

Your burden and broken heart for the things you have seen is both your pain and your greatest potential. You cannot unfeel it, but you can respond to it.

"Church" isn't a substitute for behaving well toward other people. The church is the Body of Christ, and Jesus is the essence of how we are transformed when we are a part of the church. You can make a move.

Move from	→	Move to
Control		Empowerment
Disapproval		Championing
Doubt		Belief
Discouragement		Encouragement
Disengagement		Engagement
Hesitancy		Willingness
Inability		Influence
Naysayers		Advocates
Anger		Hopefuls

You were created to be a good gift to the world. Christ in you, poured out is the way unjust things like are made just again. We are a voice for each other, a strength, an endless scope of stories. You can begin to the unjust water cycle that contributes to poverty, to water scarcity and disease by being a part of a church movement that moves to change the cycle together.

The Body of Christ should be the greatest movement of justice in our world because it is uniquely positioned to do be it. Because it has Jesus holding it up. Because it has YOU as a part of it. When the church is moving for justice, it forces out unjust cycles that keep kids and families from getting what they need to live.

Your church is uniquely positioned to work toward restoring a water cycle in the world that benefits everyone. The Body of Christ needs you.

/to re-make your local church to be a center of justice and healing
/to help re-establish justice as central to our identity
/to lead the way in doing justice and loving mercy
/to show others how to come with us

Your lives poured out attract and beckon a broken world to the captivating and healing love of God. In that love, we find the solutions we need and the answers we are looking for.

GOD SPEAKS

In the beginning of Jesus' ministry, He is filled with the Holy Spirit in a desert place. After this happens, His next move, according to the book of Luke, is to go to the synagogue in His own hometown. Jesus gives his first sermon, it was short, but meaningful.

The story goes like this...

Luke 4:16-21 (NIV)

16 He went to Nazareth, where He had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day He went into the synagogue, as was His custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, He found the place where it is written:

*"The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because He has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners
and recovery of sight for the blind,
to set the oppressed free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."*

Then He rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. He began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

Imagine Jesus at this moment in time, it's such an incredible position. Jesus was looking back to prophets, including Amos, and then looking forward to you.

Jesus stood, in the middle of the temple-His church-and shared the hope that would be because of his life, death, and resurrection.

Jesus knew that Amos had the ache just like you do. Amos felt the tension too. Amos was disheartened by the "church."

- He was agitated
- He was full of angst, discouraged, hurt
- He painted a dark picture
- He named their sin:
 - it's not war. it's not idolatry. it's not their form of entertainment. it isn't what they eat or drink. it's not their teaching or even their worshipping.
 - it's injustice.
 - it is how they behave toward each other, especially the vulnerable
- the powerful and influential oppress and exploit the weak and poor.

ACTIVITY

Draw these passages to illustrate the situation or spend some time imagining what Amos must have felt like.

- Amos 2:6-8
- Amos 3:10
- Amos 6:4-6
- Amos 8:4-6

Jesus presented His mission—His passion—to the church. And even after being rejected repeatedly He hasn't given up. He continues to cry out for justice through us. Clearly Jesus has a different idea for what the church will be.

When Peter declares Jesus as the Messiah, Jesus responded by calling Peter the rock upon which He will build His church, “and the gates of hades will not overcome it.”

Jesus knew something about Peter that Peter didn't know about himself. Jesus knew that His followers would become the Church that overcomes all the things that press down on people.

You may feel as though there is a lot reasons to give up on the church. You may even feel as though if God's justice really is to flow like a river and righteousness like a never failing stream, that it'll have to happen somewhere else with somebody else.

If anyone had good reason to believe that the people of the church would never get it right, Jesus did. You see, He saw it all before He saved us all. And that should give us hope.

Jesus didn't give up hope.

Jesus chose to work in and through the church. The most vibrant images that we take away from the Word about the church and Jesus is that the Church is the bride of Christ and the Church is the body of Christ.

This is beautiful news for me and for you.

The Body of Christ should be the greatest movement of justice in our world because it is uniquely positioned accomplish it. With Jesus at the center, we move together. When the church is moving for justice, it will be the most attractive, effective healing agency in the world. When the church is unified in its passion for seeing wrong thing put right then, it'll be a powerful and transforming presence.

In Acts 2:42-47 (NIV), you can learn about the birth of the Christian church.

“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.”

People's lives are being changed. Meals are being shared. Needs are provided for. Everything becomes common. Everyone makes a move for the other in front of them. This is the Church when it's right. This is the Church as it should be. And it needs young people like you to awaken it. How? By presenting your burden for justice. By presenting your broken heart for those who can't get the things that they need. By going after the solutions that can change a person's life. By doing what Jesus did, together.

You are the evidence and image of Jesus in the world. Your life is a good gift to the church. Your life is Christ in you (Eucharist) being poured out as God continually fills you with His Spirit and meets your daily needs.

We've spent this week with this text but let's examine the text around it in verses AMOS 5:21-24:

*I hate, I despise your religious festivals;
your assemblies are a stench to me.
Even though you bring me burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them.
Though you bring choice fellowship offerings,
I will have no regard for them.
Away with the noise of your songs!
I will not listen to the music of your harps.
**But let justice roll on like a river,
righteousness like a never-failing stream!***

Whoa! Amos is describing is the Body of Christ when it's asleep! The church when it acts like how you might perceive it to be. When it's dormant and focused only on itself. It was never meant to be that way, and when it is the body of Christ becomes sick and paralyzed.

God is giving Amos the vision to see what the body of Christ, the bride of Christ, the Church can and should be when Jesus is at the center and justice is flowing out like a river.

THE HOPE

It is human to recognize the wrong in others while remaining blind to your own wrongs.

It is distinctly Christian to have a duty to work toward making things right in ourselves and in our world.

God has placed a song in your heart for justice, for new life. Clean water is an expression of a world restored. It becomes a burden. It's an ache to see things changed. The good news is this, you have a beautiful amplifier called the Body of Christ. Bring your burden and your dream to the church and its leaders. Let that dream become an active part of your life.

*“We cannot walk alone. And as we walk, we must make the pledge that we shall always march ahead. We cannot turn back. ... We can never be satisfied as long as our children are stripped of their selfhood and robbed of their dignity. ... **No, no we are not satisfied, and we will not be satisfied until ‘justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream.’**”*

Martin Luther King Jr. - Pastor and U.S. Civil Rights Movement Leader

Go back into your local church and present your burden. Don't give up no matter what. Let the church do what it was meant to do—through you not without you.

APPLICATION

Tell a story.

- about a someone you know who joined the church to make a change in the world

Story example:

Emily was in middle school when she saw the suffering of girls her age in Zambia. She couldn't forget the walk, the sickness, the fear that surrounded a girl very much like herself. She decided to use her gifts and put them to work for those whose basic rights have been denied. Over the course of a few years, Emily worked hard and successfully raised more \$50,000 US for clean water systems in Zambia. But the story is so much bigger than raising money. None of it would have been possible without the support and energy of the church. Emily's church supported her, and the support of the Church in Zambia helps a community break the unjust cycles they see, including water insecurity. Emily is undoubtedly an exceptional human being. But she shouldn't be the exception in the church. People like Emily should be the rule.

You and others like Emily are the rule of the church--when Jesus leads you.

THE CHURCH IS THE GREATEST TRANSFORMING NETWORK IN THE WORLD.

You don't need to do your own thing despite the Church. You don't need to go around it. You can work through the Church's unique position to help create the world's greatest movement for justice.

- You are already a part of an incredible human collective.
- The insignificance you feel is a lie.
 - Church math is different than regular math. WE is greater than ME. We exist in every corner of the world.
 - you are significant because we are significant
- Evil only wins when you go solo.

Your influence is a part of a bigger story.

Together, you can navigate your passions to engage the greater story through the Church.

You can move from passively accepting unjust cycles you see to willingly creating justice movements through your church. Here's how:

- Tell your JUST WATER story to the church
(You can be burdened and burned out,
or you can be burdened and be vocal.)
- Tell stories about the unjust cycles you see
- Invite the church to write new stories and create new cycles with you

LANDING

Imagine if young Christians everywhere began working through the Church to create a movement for justice. It would be the most tightly connected, dynamic, momentous revolution the 21st century has seen.

- How could it be stopped? Who is going to slow it down? What is big enough to stand in its way?
 - slaves will be set free
 - thirst will be quenched
 - hungry will be fed
 - workers will be treated fairly
 - women will be equal
 - children will be educated
 - sick will be made well
 - marginalized will be included
 - vulnerable will be protected
 - resources will be shared
 - orphans will be cared for
 - water will bring people to life

YOUR LIFE IS A MOVEMENT IN THE BODY OF CHRIST.

The beauty of God's love is revealed in you and through you.

Imagine what it looks like, dream about it becoming reality, and make your move to live justly today.

MAY YOUR GIFTS IN THE MOVEMENT UNLEASH THE POWER OF THE EVER FLOWING STREAM.

AMOS 5:24

Revelation 7

"After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice:

*"Salvation belongs to our God,
who sits on the throne,
and to the Lamb."*

All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12 saying:

“Amen!

Praise and glory
and wisdom and thanks and honor
and power and strength
be to our God for ever and ever.
Amen!”

Then one of the elders asked me, “These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?”

I answered, “Sir, you know.”

And He said, “These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore,

**“they are before the throne of God
and serve him day and night in His temple;
and He who sits on the throne
will shelter them with His presence.
‘Never again will they hunger;
never again will they thirst.
The sun will not beat down on them,
nor any scorching heat.
For the Lamb at the center of the throne
will be their shepherd;
‘He will lead them to springs of living water.’
‘And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.**



NOTE FOR LEADER OR PARENT:

Ask questions in a pace that works for your group or family. Silence can be a good thing. Try to steer away from yes/no questions, and affirm the different contributions each person gives to the discussion. You can facilitate the group conversation to be most meaningful by giving more time to the places people feel most engaged.

GROUP QUESTIONS

1) The church should be a safe place to talk about our frustrations. Have you ever felt limited or frustrated by the church? In what ways? (Guide the group to stay positive and focus on their personal feelings and experiences, not on individuals or details of their experiences).

2) Pick a word that matches a feeling you have felt before. Look at the opposite feeling. What would you need to **believe or do** to make a move from the word in the first column to the word in the second?

Control	Empowerment
Disapproval	Championing
Doubt	Belief
Discouragement	Encouragement
Disengagement	Engagement
Hesitancy	Willingness
Inability	Influence
Naysayers	Advocates
Anger	Hopefuls

3) Jesus believed His followers would become the Church. What are some things you can do to be part of a church that moves from the words on the left to the words on the right?

You can move from passively accepting the unjust cycles you see to willingly creating justice movements through your church.

1. How would you like to tell your JUST WATER story to the church?
2. How will you tell stories about the unjust cycles you see?
3. How will you invite others to fight the global water crisis with you?

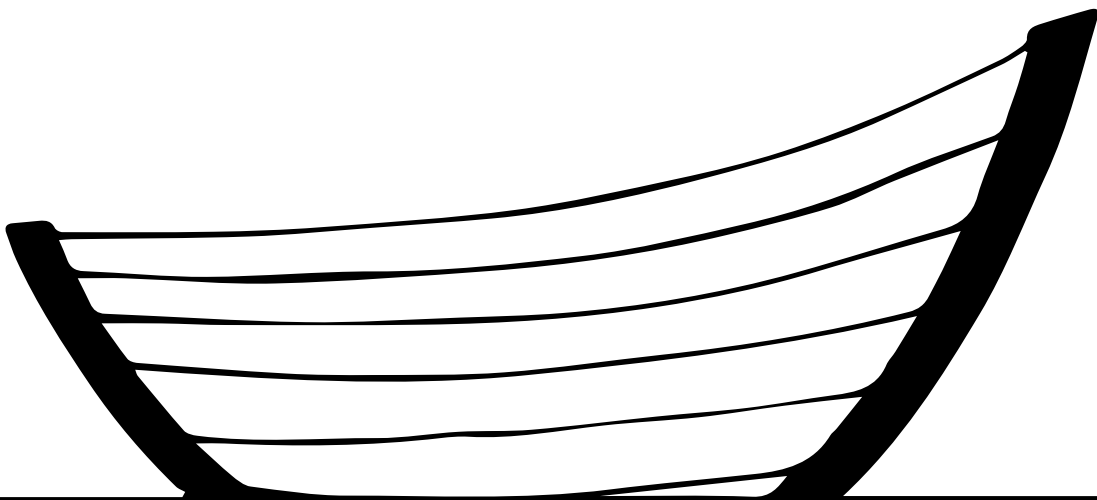
The Spirit of the Lord anointed Jesus to do justice. The same Spirit is on you to do justice. You have the potential to become the most compassionate movement of justice our world has seen because you are in a unique position of being connected to Jesus and to His body (the church). It's time to make your move—the #justmove.



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STUDENT PAGE

BREAKING THE CYCLE



USE THIS SPACE TO NAME THE INJUSTICES YOU SEE



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STUDENT PAGE

RIGHT RELATIONSHIPS



USE THIS SPACE TO WRITE ABOUT THE RELATIONSHIPS THAT SUPPORT A CHILD'S JOURNEY TO CLEAN WATER



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STUDENT PAGE

RIVERS OF LIFE



USE THIS SPACE TO DRAW THE RIVERS OF LIFE YOU HOPE TO SEE



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STUDENT PAGE

OCEANS OF JUSTICE



USE THIS SPACE TO WRITE THE NAMES OF PEOPLE YOU WANT TO INVITE TO TAKE A JUST WATER JOURNEY



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FUNDRAISING INSTRUCTIONS - LEADERS

CREATING A NEW TEAM IS SIMPLE

1. Go to www.justicemovement.com/raiseffunds
2. Click “Create A Fundraising Page” —top-right corner
3. Set up username, password, and login. Customize with a photo, URL, and goal.
4. Use the bio space to tell us about yourself and the dream behind your personal JUST MOVE. We have a prewritten dream if it helps, but we encourage you to make it your own. (As the group leader, you are required to have your own personal fundraising page. You don’t necessarily need to do anything with it, but the system requires you to have one.)
5. Skip the “Join a Team” step. We’ll go through the process of creating your team in just a second. Skip the prompt to invite people to support your cause. This step will make more sense for your team members.
6. Now you can see your fundraising dashboard. Create your Team Page by clicking “Teams” to the left and choosing “Create A New Team.”
7. Add a team photo, team name, and custom team URL. Then write a team description. Near the bottom, you can share the name of your church if you’re connected to one.
8. Finally, tell your team members how to join the team! The easiest way is to send them to www.justicemovement.com/raiseffunds click “Create a Fundraising Page” Make sure they know the name of your team so they can search for it during the “Join a Team” step of the sign-up process. Now, you have a team page! (As the admin, can change your team details any time.)

RAISING FUNDS

Anyone can donate to JUST WATER from your personal page or any of your team member’s personal pages by clicking the “Make a Donation” button. Donations can also be submitted at the main JUST WATER page (www.justicemovement.com/raiseffunds). Every donation is tax deductible, and donors will receive an email receipt as soon as their gift is received.

What if someone wants to donate but doesn’t want to give online? That is also AWESOME. You can accept cash or check donations. Here’s how to keep track of the “offline” support:

WHAT TO DO WITH “OFFLINE” DONATIONS

OFFLINE donations are cash or checks given to you or your team. When someone gives cash or a check, give the donor a donation receipt from the [Gift Tracker](#). **All checks should be made payable to “Nazarene Compassionate Ministries”.**

1. Use the [Gift Tracker](#) document to record when someone gives a donation by cash or check. Make sure to give the donor a Donation Receipt for their tax records. The full amount of their donation is tax-deductible.
 - a. The [Donation Receipts](#) are found on the right hand side of the [Gift Tracker](#). The receipts can be cut out and given to the donor.
2. Next, your participants will turn in all of their cash/checks to you, the group leader. They should also turn in their [Gift Tracker](#) forms.
3. Using the [Leader Control Sheet](#) write down or type in the name of each of your team members and how much they raised in offline donations. There is no need to write down how much they raised online.
4. If you have cash to turn in, please do not mail it. Give it to your church treasurer and ask him/her to write a check for the amount. You should include this check in the envelope that is mailed to NCM.
5. Mail all checks and the Leader Control Sheet to NCM at:
Nazarene Compassionate Ministries
17001 Prairie Star Pkwy
Lenexa, KS 66220



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FUNDRAISING INSTRUCTIONS - PARTICIPANTS

CREATING A PERSONAL FUNDRAISING PAGE

1. Go to www.justicemovement.com/raiseffunds Click “Create A Fundraising Page” You’ll be asked to give an email address & password for logging in. The email address will be your username. PROMISE: we won’t give your info to anyone else.
2. After logging in, upload a photo for your profile and enter your name. Here, you can create a custom URL for your page. You can also set a fundraising goal. Use the space to tell us about YOU and why you are raising funds. We have something to help you get started; please make it your own!
3. Then, join a team (if you’re on one). Your group leader knows the team name. If you want to participate without a team, AWESOME! You can skip this step.
4. Now you can invite your friends and family to support your cause. We wrote some things to help describe what you’re doing, but again, we encourage you to make it your own.

BOOM! That’s it! Your fundraising page is set up. Now you can see your dashboard. If you’re really on fire, you can take a quick tour which will show you how to manage your page. (There are so many cool things you can do from the dashboard, like editing your profile, posting blog entries, tracking donations. Have fun. Explore!

Don’t forget, you can promote your page on your favorite social media accounts by telling your story and sharing the link.

RAISING FUNDS

Your friends and family can donate to JUST WATER from your personal page by clicking the “Make a Donation” button. Every donation is tax deductible, and donors will receive an email receipt as soon as their gift is received.

If someone wants to donate to your cause but prefers giving offline, THAT’S AWESOME TOO. You can accept cash and check donations. When someone gives you a cash/check donation, record it on your [Gift Tracker](#) form. Be sure to give the donor a [Donation Receipts](#). (You are so responsible!) **ALL checks should be made payable to Nazarene Compassionate Ministries.**

If you are using the online fundraising page and you want your offline gifts to be added to your personal page total, just mail your Gift Tracker, along with all checks to the address below. We’ll review the offline gifts and add them to your personal fundraising page STAT. We love to serve!

When your campaign is over, turn in all cash/check donations to your group leader, along with your Gift Tracker form. He/ she will make sure they are sent on to us. If you are participating as an individual without a team, please send your offline donations

and Gift Tracker form to:

Nazarene Compassionate Ministries
17001 Prairie Star Pkwy
Lenexa, KS 66221

We are so proud of you. You are the Church and we’re praying for you!

LEADER CONTROL SHEET

OFFLINE GIFTS

“Offline” gifts refer to the donations given to you or your participants (youth) in the form of cash or check. Participants should record all cash or check donations on their Gift Tracker. Be sure to give the donor a Donation Receipt. Collect all Gift Trackers from participants and use this sheet to tally all of the donations.

If you have cash to turn in, please do not mail it. Give it to your church treasurer and ask him/her to write a check for the amount. You should include this check in the envelope that is mailed to Nazarene Compassionate Ministries.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW.

Church/Group Name: Leader Name:

Church Address:

Online Fundraising Team Name:

_____	\$ _____
Participant #1 full name	Total Donation amount
_____	\$ _____
Participant #2 full name	Total Donation amount
_____	\$ _____
Participant #3 full name	Total Donation amount
_____	\$ _____
Participant #4 full name	Total Donation amount
_____	\$ _____
Participant #5 full name	Total Donation amount
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Participant #6 full name	Total Donation amount
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Participant #16 full name	Total Donation amount
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Participant #17 full name	Total Donation amount
_____	\$ _____
Participant #18 full name	Total Donation amount
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Participant #19 full name	Total Donation amount
_____	\$ _____
Participant #20 full name	Total Donation amount

Once you have tallied all of the donations on this sheet mail all checks, Gift Trackers, and this Leader Control Sheet to:

Nazarene Compassionate Ministries
17001 Prairie Star Pkwy
Lenexa, KS 66220, USA

Total cash/check donations \$ _____
Total raised online \$ _____
Grand total \$ _____



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GIFT TRACKER

GIVE THESE RECEIPTS TO YOUR DONORS.

Fill these out and give them to people who give you money in person. Have donors write checks to “**Nazarene Compassionate Ministries.**” If someone gives you CASH, give it to your church treasurer and ask him/her to write a check for the amount.

Participant Name:

Online Fundraising Name:

WRITE DONOR INFO HERE.

Donor #1 full name	Email address	\$	Donation amount
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Total cash/check donations \$ _____

Total raised online \$ _____

Grand total \$ _____



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Donor Name _____
Date _____
Amount \$ _____
Check Cash

RECEIPT



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Date _____

Check (make checks payable to **Nazarene Compassionate Ministries**) Cash

Donation received from _____

Received by _____ Amount \$ _____

Your donation is tax deductible. Save this receipt for your records. The following is in accordance with IRS guidelines: The full amount of your gift is tax-deductible unless otherwise noted. No goods or services were provided to you from the Church of the Nazarene in exchange for your contribution.



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FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

Ideas for fundraising for you and your team!

- HOST A 5K
- RUN A MARATHON FOR #JUSTWATER
- DO A GROUP YARD SALE
- KAYAK A RIVER FOR #JUSTWATER
- VOLUNTEER YOUR HELP
- CREATE A WATER WALK
- COLLECT SPARE CHANGE
- ORGANIZE A GOLF TOURNAMENT
- PLAN A FUN YOUTH EVENT, CHARGE ADMISSION FOR #JUSTWATER
- HOST A “PROM” WHERE EVERYONE WEARS BLUE, CHARGE ADMISSION
- TAKE AN OFFERING AT YOUR CHURCH
- TAKE AN OFFERING AT OTHER PEOPLE’S CHURCHES (WITH PERMISSION)
- COLLECTIVELY WALK 500 MILES
- ARTS SALE/ART AUCTION
- FIREWORK DISPLAY
- LINE DANCING COMPETITION/MARATHON
- PANCAKE FESTIVAL
- SURF-A-THON
- BOOK SALE/BRING AND BUY
- CHARITY BARBEQUE
- COFFEE MORNING
- SUMMER FAIR
- WORLD FOOD DAY
- JUST WATER WEEKEND LOCK-IN



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FAQS

#	Questions	Answers
1	How do you explain the Justice Movement?	<p>The Justice Movement wants to inspire and equip Christian young people to live out God's calling to biblical justice as part of living out their Christian faith, as well as to become leaders in encouraging others within the church to do the same.</p>
2	What is Justice?	<p>The Justice Movement is rooted in biblical justice. It's about patterning our lives after the life and ministry of Jesus.</p> <p>Jesus came and lived among us to bring us healing, love, and hope. Jesus "moved into our neighborhood" when He came in the flesh (John 1:14 The Message). He drew near to pain and suffering to bring healing and restoration.</p> <p>When Jesus publicly announced His ministry, He spoke of justice, freedom, and setting captives free (Luke 4:14-20). He ushered in God's plan to restore us and the world. Jesus heals humanity from the bondage of sin and brings freedom to those enslaved in many forms of oppression.</p> <p>Jesus started a movement of healing and restoration, and He invites us to participate.</p>
3	What is Just Water?	<p>The Justice Movement will include particular focuses on specific justice-related issues, beginning with the global water crisis. The resources related to this focus will include curriculum, videos, and weekend event guides under the title "JUST WATER."</p>
4	What is the difference between Do Justice Weekend (DJ Weekends) and JUST WATER Weekend?	<p>A Do Justice weekend event will focus on learning about justice and a particular global issue. Through learning, spiritual formation, and fundraising, youth will work together to seek justice through local churches.</p> <p>JUST WATER Weekend will be the initial campaign in a collective of Do Justice Weekends offered through The Justice Movement.</p>
5	What is a JUST WATER Weekend?	<p>JUST WATER Weekend is a Do Justice Weekend event focused on learning about justice and the global water crisis, plus fundraising for water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) development in South Asia and in other priority areas.</p>
6	When is Just Water Weekend?	<p>Groups, families, and individuals can choose ANY weekend of the year to participate. Or you can pick from two JUST WATER Weekends, October 16-17 and March 18-19, that are around two international water days: Global Hand Washing Day and World Water Day.</p>

#	Questions	Answers
7	Do I have to plan Just Water weekend on one of the scheduled dates?	<p>You can plan to have your JUST WATER Weekend on any weekend.</p> <p>We have two international dates to focus our efforts during Global Handwashing Day and World Water Day, but the choice will be up to each group.</p> <p>Use #thejustmove on social media to share about what's happening to your group with the movement.</p>
8	What is The Just Water Challenge?	<p>The JUST WATER Challenge can be accepted during JUST WATER Weekend (as an activity), or it can be done as a personal way to get involved in JUST WATER advocacy and fundraising by choosing 7, 40, or 365 days of drinking ONLY water. Participants can set up a fundraising page just like they can for JUST WATER Weekend.</p> <p>Drinking only water opens up doors to tell the story about the global water crisis. We drink the clean water we have to remember the clean water people still need. At the same time, we raise funds to support communities who need help implemently their own WASH (water, sanitation, and hygiene) programs.</p>
9	How do I start a fundraising campaign?	To start your own individual fundraising campaign or a team (group) fundraising campaign, click on the "GIVE" button at the top of the Justice Movement website. You will be directed to our fundraising page where you can create our campaign by clicking on "Create a Fundraising Page" at the top of the page. You will then be guided through the process of adding team members.
10	Where do I submit donations?	Go to: www.justicemovement.com/raiseffunds ; for donations given to your participants (youth) in cash or check please visit the "Offline" Gifts page for instructions on how to submit these donations. Be sure to download the Gift Tracker document to keep track of your donations. www.justicemovement.com/offlinegifts
11	Can I be a part of the Justice Movement with a team?	Yes, you can sign up as an individual rather than a team. Go to: www.justicemovement.com/raiseffunds , where you can set up an individual page.
12	Where does the money go? What does it do?	The money you raise for JUST WATER, will be used to fund WASH (water, sanitation, and hygiene) projects in communities in South Asia. Once those priority projects are funded, money raised will go toward WASH projects in other areas without access to safe water, sanitation, and hygiene. Nazarene Compassionate Ministries will work together with local churches and child development centers to begin new projects and strengthen existing programs.
13	Where do I access the curriculum?	<p>The curriculum is free and can be downloaded in five languages. Download links will be sent after members join The Justice Movement. Go to: www.justicemovement.com/raiseffunds to join the movement.</p> <p>If you have already joined the movement, you can download the curriculum at: www.justicemovement.com/resources</p>
14	Is the Justice Movement only about water?	No. The Justice Movement is about connecting youth with God's heart for justice. We will periodically introduce different campaigns that focus on various issues of justice in our world, but the first campaign will focus on the global water crisis and providing water, sanitation, and hygiene access to communities in South Asia.

#	Questions	Answers
15	Where will JUST WATER be launched globally?	We launched JUST WATER online, then at invitational events around the world. The 2015 dates included, USA/Canada (Kentucky, July 2015), Mexico (July 2015), and Indonesia (October 2015).
16	How do I interact with The Justice Movement online?	Here's where you can find the movement online: Facebook , Twitter , Instagram at @thejustmove Sign up for our Newsletter and Prayer Updates . #thejustmove
17	Can a person drink too much water?	During a JUST WATER Weekend and during a JUST WATER Challenge, it is advised that a participant only drink water as needed for ydration. Water drinking contests of any kind are not advised. While extremely rare and isolated, drinking too much water (gallons and gallons over a short period of time) can be dangerous.