

The Biblical Basis for Hunger Relief

Use these passages and questions as a starting point to talk with your small group or congregation about serving those in need.

1

Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, Moses didn’t give you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is the one who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

Then they said, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

“I am the bread of life,” Jesus told them. “No one who comes to me will ever be hungry, and no one who believes in me will ever be thirsty again.”

—John 6:32–35

God met the physical needs of the Israelites with “bread from heaven.” He met their spiritual needs with the “bread of life.”

How can we follow His example in our ministry?

2

*Then looking up at his disciples, he said:
Blessed are you who are poor,
because the kingdom of God is yours.
Blessed are you who are hungry now,
because you will be filled.
Blessed are you who weep now,
because you will laugh.*

—Luke 6:20–21

Jesus spent time with people from all walks of life and recognized the effects of sin on the world—both spiritual and physical. He promises to put these wrongs to right.

How can we participate in His mission to right wrongs?

3

“Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat; I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink; I was a stranger and you took me in; I was naked and you clothed me; I was sick and you took care of me; I was in prison and you visited me.’

“Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and take you in, or without clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick, or in prison, and visit you?’

“And the King will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’

—Matthew 25:34-40

The world by nature is selfish. Yet, Christ calls us to serve and love others.

How can we do this in our city?

How can we do this around the world?