

# *Just*Faith

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## JustFaith Weeks 6-10 Overview

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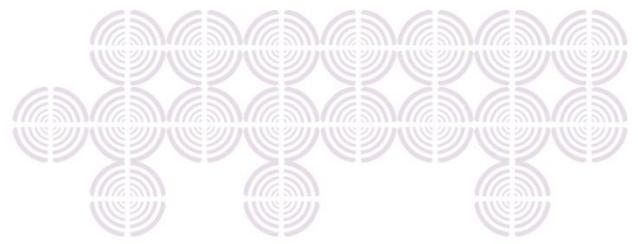
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## General Comments

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Weeks 6-10 of the syllabus continues a discussion of the topics begun in the first five weeks: the spirituality of compassion, the vision of Biblical justice and, in the effort to give poverty a face, a literary immersion into domestic poverty as found in the “gang capital” of Los Angeles. As we consider the questions raised by all of these topics, it might be helpful to remember that we are trying to recognize the patterns in Biblical story, poetry, prophetic utterance, parables and the variety of other genre in the Biblical texts, as well as the Christian community’s historical experience, that speak to values, insights and applications that can guide us in contemporary decision-making. In a very real way we are trying to answer the questions, “What would Jesus do?” “What would Jesus do in us and through us?” or “How do we walk in the Spirit and live for God’s dream of compassion and justice?”

Of particular interest in Weeks 6 through 10 is the insight of our Christian faith tradition that a comprehensive response to human need must include both charity and justice. That is, we must both relate to the urgent and immediate needs of people for housing, safety, food, medicine, etc., and apply ourselves to the root causes of and solutions to the problems.

## Spiritual Practices

JustFaith offers a plethora of learning opportunities and experiences that create a rich soil for learning. These opportunities include a series of spiritual practices that will be introduced during the coming weeks. These spiritual practices are ways to raise consciousness or awareness of our world. They are intended to engage participants in some modest life-style adjustments and reveal and highlight some of the themes of JustFaith. These spiritual practices are explained in various session descriptions throughout the program, and one is included in Week Seven of this segment.

## Preparation Aids

As you have already noticed, the description of each session begins with a “Note to Co-Facilitators” that will provide information pertinent to the focus of the session or other useful information.

## Ordering Materials

The JustFaith Ministries Books and Videos store tries to make ordering materials as easy as possible. JustFaith Ministries Books & Videos provides an opportunity for groups to secure all materials from one source with low prices and rapid delivery. Most orders are filled the same day they are received and are sent via UPS. The link to the online store is on your Facilitator Resource Page.



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## **Registration with the JustFaith Ministries Office**

If you have not done so, please complete the group roster form (found on the documents website), as soon as possible. This information assists in ongoing communications with participants after they finish the program and in tracking the breadth, scope and needs of the program. Please e-mail the roster to [info@justfaith.org](mailto:info@justfaith.org). Thank you for your help and follow-through on this important element of the program.

## **Immersion Experiences**

Most groups have two immersion experiences before the end of the fifteenth week. These experiences are critical to the process. Many participants have said that it was the experiences of meeting and hearing the stories of the poor and vulnerable that added particular meaning to the whole process. Often participants have described these experiences as profound and life-changing. Again, see the “Immersion Experiences” document for more information.

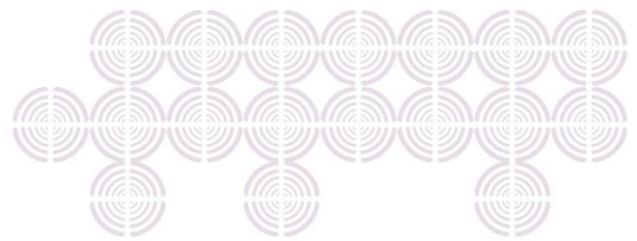
## **Program Evaluations**

JustFaith Ministries will send co-facilitators a link to an online participant evaluation a few weeks before most groups finish Week 10 in the program. We will include instructions for you to forward this link via email to all of your participants as you reach the end of Week 10. Please remind participants to complete the electronic surveys in order to ensure that we receive feedback as we begin planning for the next program year. If a member of your group is not able to complete the evaluation online, please connect with us so we can provide a paper version of the evaluation form.

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## **Ongoing Help and Assistance**

Please know that the JustFaith Ministries staff is available to assist with anything that you might need throughout the program. We have attempted to make the materials as self-explanatory as possible, but please contact us if you need further information.



## Co-Facilitator Timetable: Weeks 6-10

Co-Facilitator Responsibility	Do By (Date)	Done (✓)
<b>Order Books and Resources for Weeks 6-15</b> (See Resource Ordering Information document) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Rising to Common Ground</u> (Weeks 11-13)</li> <li>• <u>How Much is Enough</u> (Weeks 14-16)</li> </ul>	Four weeks before the 6 <sup>th</sup> session	
<b>Order Videos for Weeks 6-15</b> (See Resource Ordering Information document) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Waiting on the World to Change” DVD (Week 7)</li> <li>• “Portrait of a Radical” DVD (Week 9)</li> <li>• “Come Walk in My Shoes” (Week 12)</li> <li>• “Keeping the Earth” (Week 15)</li> </ul>	Four weeks before the 6 <sup>th</sup> session.	
<b>Confirm and finalize arrangements for the first two immersion experiences</b>	Four weeks before the 6 <sup>th</sup> session	
<b>Arrange for DVD player for Weeks Seven and Nine</b>	Two weeks before the 7 <sup>th</sup> and 9 <sup>th</sup> sessions	
<b>Arrange for speaker(s) for Weeks 11-15</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refer to the Syllabus Overview Document for details</li> </ul>	Before the 11 <sup>th</sup> session	
<b>Arrange for video or DVD player for Weeks 11-15</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refer to the Weeks 11-15 syllabus document (Weeks 12 and 15)</li> </ul>	Two weeks before the 11 <sup>th</sup> session	