

Bible study questions and application

Orphanology

1. What are the current and prevailing attitudes regarding orphan care among believers and churches?

2. Read and review the 4 scripture passages used to raise awareness and describe the heart of God for orphaned and vulnerable children.

Exodus 22:21-24 Psalm 68:4-6 Ezekiel 22:6-12 James 1:26-27

Can you think of other Bible passages that informs our thinking regarding the fatherless?

3. In what ways does orphan care and adoption specifically picture and explain the gospel?

4. Discuss this quotation used in the sermon: "Engaging the local church in every country is the primary solution for vulnerable and orphaned children both locally and globally." Agree, disagree, why?

5. Share from your experience the encouraging ways that you see the church reaching out and meeting the needs of orphaned children.

6. What are the greatest barriers for the church in South Africa to overcome to grow in obedience to caring for orphans in a biblical manner?

7. What do you want to do, use or remember as a result of this sermon and study?