



Small Group Leader Guide

"Tiffany Mares, Via Love International"

Isaiah 61:1-11 NIV

SERMON SUMMARY

This week, Tiffany Mares shared about her transformative work in Honduras with Via Love International, emphasizing how God is filling the lives of children in a community built around a city dump with hope, love, and purpose. Using Isaiah 61:1-11 as a guiding scripture, she illustrated through powerful testimonies how God is turning ashes into beauty by providing nourishment, support, and a vision for the future for these children who have experienced deep hardship. The message encourages us to recognize our role in sharing God's love and to take steps toward being conduits of change in our own communities.

KEY TEACHING POINTS

- God calls us to bring good news and hope to the poor, just as Jesus did in Isaiah 61.
- Transformation often starts by meeting basic needs; for our community, that means feeding those who are hungry.
- The love of Jesus can fill our hearts with joy and purpose, even in difficult circumstances.
- As we receive grace and love, we are encouraged to share it with others, just like the kids in Honduras who give to others in need.
- Understanding our personal role in making a difference in our communities, inspired by the stories of those in Honduras.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1 What part of Tiffany's message resonated with you the most? Why?
- 2 How does the scripture from Isaiah 61 speak to the idea of transformation in your own life or community?
- 3 In what ways do you see God working in your everyday life to bring beauty from ashes?
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- 5 What is one thing you feel called to do to help others like Tiffany is doing in Honduras?
- 6 How can we as a group support the transformation in our community as Tiffany does in hers?
- 7 What are some ways we can practically meet the basic needs of people in our lives?
- 8 Reflecting on the testimonies you heard today, what stands out about the power of community support and love? How can we apply that here?

APPLICATION STEPS

1. Identify one local organization focused on community transformation and commit to volunteering there for at least a few hours this month.
2. Start a conversation with someone in need in your community this week and ask how you can support or help them.
3. Share one personal testimony of God's work in your life with someone this week, whether at work, school, or among friends.

CLOSING PRAYER

"Heavenly Father, we thank you for the reminders today of your love and grace. Help us to be active in our faith as we step out to serve others in our community. As we leave this space, guide us to carry your light and love to those who need it. We commit our actions this week to you, asking for courage and wisdom to make a difference. In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen."