

social action course.

Jubilee+

video 2. God's vision for those in poverty.

Poverty is about more than not having enough money for material things. In *A Church for the Poor* (2017), Martin Charlesworth and Natalie Williams identify four types of poverty:

- Economic
- Aspirational
- Relational
- Spiritual

Whatever type of poverty someone is facing, God's vision goes beyond hand-outs (as important as it is to help someone with their immediate needs) to seeing people lifted out of poverty. Even more than that: God's plan for those he lifts out of poverty is that they would lift others out of poverty too. It's a glorious vision!

discussion questions.

- which types of poverty do you see most evident in your local community? What do you think you and others could do to support people facing the more hidden types of poverty?
- what are some examples from your own life of how God has transformed and is transforming you into an oak of righteousness?
- what do you think we need to do differently, as individuals and as the church, to make sure that people who are in poverty find it easier to feel a sense of belonging with us?
- how can we help people grow into oaks of righteousness?

spend some time praying through Isaiah 61:1-4 for your local community.

A Church for the Poor was published by David C Cook and is available to purchase online.



Speaking



Research



Conferences



Writing



Networking

Bible and prayer plan.

day eight.

Isaiah 58:6-12

Pray for those who are without justice, just-about-managing, working in the justice system.

day nine.

Isaiah 61:1-7

Pray for kids off school due to lockdown, key-workers, lonely.

day ten.

Jeremiah 29:7 + Micah 6:8

Pray for those who are living with learning difficulties, mercy-bringers, millionaires.

day eleven.

Matthew 23:23 + 25:31-46

NHS workers, your neighbours, nursing home staff + residents.

day twelve.

Mark 14:7 + Luke 4:14-22

Pray for those who are orphans, overlooked, oppressed.

day thirteen.

Luke 6:27-36

Pray for those who are in poverty, politicians, police.

day fourteen.

Luke 10:25-37 + 14:12-14

Pray for the quietly despairing, refugees, rough sleepers.

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