

PARTICIPANT WORKSHEET

This week we ask the question: 'What is our mission?' We'll consider the different ways in which we understand mission and the things that hold us back from responding to issues of poverty and injustice. Then we'll look at Jesus' life to see how he understood his mission. We introduce the idea of integral mission and you'll hear from a church in Scotland which has been inspired by a church in Cambodia to rethink their ideas on mission.

The Garelochhead clip

How does your church define mission?

For more information on life-changing overseas trips, please go to www.tearfund.org/transform

Mission teaching

Micah 6:8

Mercy

Justice

Humility

Integral mission

Group questions

Micah 6:6-8

- Do you think some aspects of mission are more important than others?

- If Jesus was part of your church, what kind of things do you think he would be spending his time doing or getting involved with?

- How could your church express God's love in a more 'integral' way to the local community?

Take-away action

In between now and the next session, **first** look at your local newspaper, and find a headline or story that highlights a need in your local community. It could be anything that illustrates the issues your community is facing. Write or stick this on a *red card*.

Secondly, reflect on what you think are the key strengths of your church? What are you really good at, or what resources are you blessed with? Choose the one you think most significant and write it down on a *green card*.

Remember to bring the cards back with you next week.