



Welcome to the Haiti Experience for Small Groups!

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a new culture.**

**Reflect on God's
heart for the poor.**

**See how God is
at work in Haiti.**

**Learn how you can
make a difference.**

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1. EXPERIENCE A NEW CULTURE



Watch the “**History of Haiti**” video (8 minutes).
Learn about Haiti’s journey to becoming a country
and discover the history of missions in Haiti.

Instead of popcorn, enjoy plantain chips during
your movie!

Discussion Questions:

- What is something new you learned about the history of Haiti?
- What shocks you about the current state of Haiti?
- What inspired you most about how God brought the gospel to Haiti?



Watch “**A Day in the Life**” video (3 minutes).
Follow Mathania Philistin throughout her day in
Williamson, Haiti.

Meet Mathania’s family, see inside her school, and
learn a little more about life in rural Haiti.

Discussion Questions:

- What touched your heart in the video?
- What parts of the video reminded you of your own life?
- What parts of Mathania’s life were different?

2. REFLECT ON GOD'S HEART FOR THE POOR



The Bible is rich in wisdom about God's love for people living in poverty – and our responsibility to help. God's Word is filled with scripture that reflects His heart for the poor.

Take a moment as a group to reflect on just a few of these Bible passages.

Read Leviticus 23:22; Deuteronomy 15:11

Discussion Questions:

- How did God care for the poor in the Old Testament times of Israel?
- How does this reflect God's heart for the poor?



Read Isaiah 58:6-11

Discussion Questions:

- What action is God calling Israel to take through the words of Isaiah?
- What does Isaiah say Israel will experience if they take those actions?

Read Matthew 25:35-40; James 1:27; 1 John 3:17

Discussion Questions:

- How can we reflect God's heart for the poor?
- What do these New Testament passages say about God and about us?

3. SEE HOW GOD IS AT WORK IN HAITI



Watch the “**World Wide Village in Haiti**” video (14 minutes).

Learn about World Wide Village programs and how God is using this organization to serve the people of Haiti.

Discussion Questions:

- Which program most inspired you?
- Where do you see God’s heart for the poor reflected in the work of WWV?
- How do you see yourself and your group as a future part of this work?



4. LEARN HOW YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

- Watch “**Outside the Gates**” video (2 minutes).
- Sponsor a student: worldwidevillage.org/student-sponsorship.
- Sign up for the WWV e-newsletter: worldwidevillage.org/newsletter.
- Pray together as a group for the people of Haiti.

ABOVE & BEYOND!



Degaje Activity:

Degaje is a word that means “make do with what you have.” Many Haitian parents cannot afford to give their children toys from the market, so children learn to “degaje” and be creative!

Walk a Day in My Shoes:

Sometimes it’s hard to understand the lives of those living in other parts of the world. This activity reveals the gap between the lives we live here in the U.S. as compared to those in Haiti in a very eye-opening way.



Learn Haitian Creole:

Watch videos from students in Haiti that teach three Creole phrases. Practice speaking to each other in Creole!

Enjoy Haitian food:

Order food from a local Haitian or Caribbean restaurant to share with your group or pick a popular Haitian dish and try cooking together!



Video links, leader resources and details on optional activities available at:
worldwidevillage.org/my-haiti-experience.