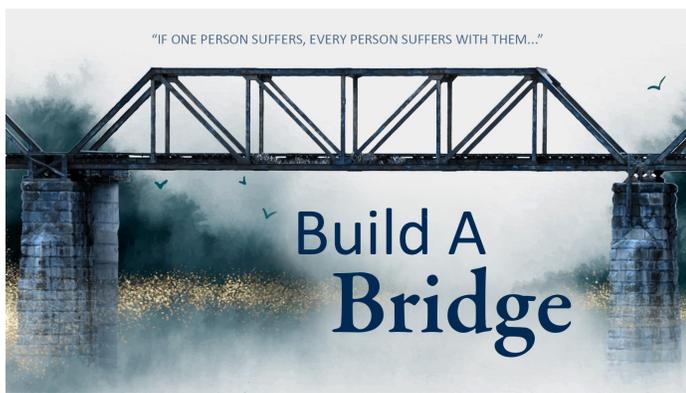


# SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE



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Called to Connect



## God at Work

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So often we wonder why God doesn't just "step in and fix stuff." What if God calls on us to do the hard work of ending injustice on God's behalf? The season of Lent is a time to look inward and come to grips with where we are out of alignment with God. What if we are the response of God to all the injustice that God cares about so deeply?

## SCRIPTURE TEXT: MATTHEW 9:35-38

Read the scripture text together as a group.

### BACKGROUND INFO

Jesus is proclaiming a joyful message: that God is "always creating" a world where everyone has what they need to thrive in life; where in every community "justice rolls on like a river, righteousness like an ever-flowing stream"; where the people of God in every community work together to seek healing for every kind of disease and illness, including – and especially racism. This is God's good news for all people – no exceptions. But when the message that some people experience on a daily basis is that their lives don't matter as much as someone else's life because of the color of their skin, or where they live or go to school, or who they love or who their friends are, or how they vote or that their lives don't matter at all because they are somehow less of a human being made in the image of God than another human being that bears the image of God; we have to ask ourselves is that really the message of the kingdom of God? Are we being the people God is calling us to be? Let's make no mistake: God is at work in us and through us. And the work we are called to do is to partner with God by stepping into that work together.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Describe a time when you were acutely aware of God at work in your life or someone else's.
- What is Jesus teaching us in this scripture passage?
- How might compassion set us on the path of racial reconciliation?
- Why is this an important next step on our journey?

**APPLICATION:** This week, pay attention to God at work around you. Where can you see God at work in your daily life and in the lives of those close to you? Consider how you can participate in God's work in the world this week. Ask God to show you a next step on your journey.