



living out the Christian faith in urban areas.

OAKWOOD IMMERSION ITINERARY

FRIDAY EVENING:

8:00 PM: Arrive at Oakwood
8:30 PM: Theological/Practical Overview
9:00 PM: Weekend Agenda
9:30 PM: Prayer

SATURDAY:

7:00 AM: Wakeup
8:00 AM: Breakfast MRE*
9:00 AM: Prayer
10:00 AM: Service Projects/Scavenger Hunt
1:00 PM: Lunch
1:00 PM: Meet with the people of Oakwood
5:00 PM: Roundtable and Dinner
8:00 PM: Meet with the people of Oakwood

SUNDAY:

8:00 AM: Wakeup
9:00 AM: Breakfast MRE*
10:00 AM: Prayer and Weekend Review
1:00 PM: Worship with the Oakwood Community
3:00 PM: Return Home

*MRE: Meals Ready to Eat

OAKWOOD IMMERSION PACKING LIST

WHAT YOU NEED TO BRING:

- o Sleeping bag and a pillow
- o Tent (1 or 2 man size)
- o Towels and toiletries
- o Bible
- o Work clothes for Saturday
- o A teachable heart and an open mind

OPTIONAL ITEMS:

- o Alarm clock
- o Camera
- o Sunscreen
- o Visor or cap
- o Sunglasses
- o Work gloves, work shoes
- o Small flashlight (for reading at night or getting up during the night)

GROUND RULES:

1. Ask questions.
2. Withhold judgment until all facts are in and you have time to reflect
3. Confidentiality: What is said here stays here.
4. Be honest with others and yourself.
5. It's okay to struggle.
6. No jewelry of any kind with the exception of a wedding band.
7. No type of electronic devices such as MP3's or other types of devices. The only exception is a camera.
8. Bring no money of any kind.

You will grow. You will be blessed. Your life will be changed.

OAKWOOD IMMERSION INFORMATION SHEET

(First) (Middle) (Last)

(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

(Work Phone) (Home Phone)

(Email)

(Local Church)

Any medical issues? _____

American Indian / Alaskan Native

Asian / Pacific Islander

Black (Not Hispanic Origin)

Hispanic

White (Not Hispanic Origin)

OAKWOOD IMMERSION VOLUNTEER LIABILITY WAIVER

By my signature below, I agree to waive and release Conway AR-DreamCenter, or any employees or agents thereof from any and all liability and from any and all claims arising out of or related to my volunteer services. In the event of any such injury or illness, should any of the above parties offer or render aid on my behalf, I understand that such would be offered freely, not under any obligation, and I hereby further release, and hold harmless all of said parties from any and all liability and from any and all claims which may arise in the event of such occurrence.

DATE

PRINT NAME

SIGNATURE

IMMERSION PREPARATION

Below is a list of Scriptures you can share with your group to show the importance God places upon caring for the poor. We have intentionally added a brief description and a few discussion questions. The reason being, that you know best what your groups needs and how your group best responds.

DEUTERONOMY 15:1-11 – This of course deals with God establishing the new nation Israel after setting her free from slavery. God establishes the Sabbatical Year for canceling debts. God makes concern for the poor both individual and institutional. Institutionally, God prevents the development of a perpetual underclass through debt. Individually, God wants Israelites to be liberal and openhanded in their personal relationships with the poor (v8). Amazingly, through both individual and institutional concern for the poor Israel is given preeminence as a nation.

Questions: How do nations normally establish themselves as mighty and powerful?

In v4 when God says there should be no poor among you, do you think He still believes that?

In saying that there will always be poor people, does God want us to just give up then?

ISAIAH 1:10-28 & 58 – Isaiah compares Israel to Sodom and Gomorrah, and interestingly enough, not because of sexual sin, but rather, it's failure to care for the poor and needy. Israel's worship has not only ceased to be effective, but God actually hates it. The central reason is that their worship is without the necessary accompanying acts of justice. The worship God desires is commanded in chapter 58, called the true fast. This is a fast, which involves concern for the poor. And this concern for the poor is to be both individual (v7-sharing food, shelter and clothing) and institutional (v6-loosing the chains of injustice, untying the cords of the yoke, and breaking every yoke).

Questions: Does our worship celebrate our acts of justice?

Why does worship seem so distant from what we do?

Are there widows and orphans in our community that we can defend or plead their case?

JOB 24: 1-12- Job wonders if the oppression, the poverty and injustice experienced by the poor, orphaned and widow is ever seen by God. In the passage, Job states all of the abuses that are experienced by those who are the weak in society. The thought that arises out of many hearts is "God charges no one with wrong."

Questions: What are the conditions of the people in the text?

Do you think that you have heard the cries and groans of these people in our community?

What certainty do we have that God will hold people accountable?

MATTHEW 19:16-30 – So many times the parable of the Rich Young Ruler is about the ruler giving up things, but Jesus does not ask him to give up possessions alone. Jesus says that to follow Him the ruler must sell his many possessions and then give to the poor. Initiating relationship with the poor is a prerequisite to Jesus for following Him. Our righteousness must also be accompanied with justice.

Questions: Do you think Jesus was serious in telling the ruler to sell his possessions and give to the poor?

Do you think Jesus is still serious about the wealthy being in relationship with Himself and the poor?

What is Jesus saying about the fulfillment of possessions?