



THE
**RESCUE
PROJECT**

A SMALL GROUP



BECAUSE EVERY CHILD IS WORTH RESCUING

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1. **GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER.**

Spend a few minutes talking and getting ready for the week's discussion.



2. **WATCH THE VIDEO.**

Watch the video. Videos will be in Zoom call.



3. **DISCUSS THE CONTENT.**

Use our recommended discussion points to help one another understand what it is like to be an Orphaned Child of War.



4. **PRAY TOGETHER**

Focusing on the provided prayer points.

Thank you for joining a Rescue Project Small Group. We hope that this small group will help you understand the worldwide tragedy that is the Orphans of War crisis, and that you will be impassioned to make a difference in the lives of innocent children.

In regions of armed conflict and war, such as Syria, Iraq, and especially Yemen, millions of children are being bought, brutalized, and prepared for war. They're trained as soldiers and they are used as sex slaves. They're forced to become child brides. They are sent into villages and towns as agents of terror.

Our mission at **The Rescue Project** is to bring hope to these orphans by rescuing them from their captors, placing them with a caring adoptive or foster family, and providing essentials such as clothing,

food, and medical care. They receive trauma counseling, life skills training, and an education.

Why help orphans? Because it's our moral duty. The Bible instructs us to care for orphans (James 1:27), and we believe that raising up children to be the next generation of leaders in the church and in their countries is the only way to secure a future where global evangelism will increase. We also believe that raising up godly children to be active leaders will change the moral and ethical landscapes of every country where they lead.

WE MAKE OUR RESCUED ORPHANS 10 PROMISES:

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we promise to:*

1. **RESCUE** you from a life of jihad.
2. **BRING** you into a loving Jesus-following family.
3. **PROVIDE** you with emergency medical care.
4. **ENSURE** you have food and clothing.
5. **ENCOURAGE** wholeness through trauma healing/PTSD crisis counseling.
6. **DEVELOP** your personal spiritual growth plan.
7. **OFFER** you basic education.
8. **HELP** you with life skills training.
9. **ASSIGN** you a life mentor.
10. **INTRODUCE** you to life-sustaining vocational training.

Dear readers, our hope and prayer is that this small group, your fellowship, and God's presence will help you discover the call on the Church to bring hope to children around the globe, and that you will find your part in that calling.

WEEK 1



THE ORPHAN OF WAR CRISIS

ORPHANS OF WAR.

According to the UN, more than **28 million children** have been displaced as a result of war and of poverty. Studies suggest that there are approximately 10 million child slaves in the world, not including children who are willingly given up by their parents for the cause of jihad (we will unpack “Orphans of War in Jihad” in a later week).

In its 2018 Global Report on Children, the IHH Humanitarian & Social Research Center (INSAMER) reported that, “Today, the global number of registered orphans has reached 153 million...

¹The World Counts. Slavery still exists? (n.d.). Retrieved August 05, 2020, from https://www.theworldcounts.com/stories/Modern_Day_Slavery_Statistics

²International Labour Organization. Modern slavery and child labour (n.d.). Retrieved August 10, 2020, from http://www.ilo.org/moscow/news/WCMS_574717/lang--en/index.htm#:~:text=Modern%20slavery%20and%20child%20labour,child%20labour%20around%20the%20world

³Bakır, Z. (2018, November 15). Global Report on Children 2018. Retrieved August 04, 2020, from https://insamer.com/en/global-report-on-children-2018_1516.html

The risks of violence, exploitation, abuse and negligence that these refugee children are exposed to are only multiplied upon the death of, or separation from, their guardians.”³

HOW DO CHILDREN BECOME ORPHANS OF WAR?

There are many evil ways that children are stolen from their families. Orphans of War are purchased in the many human trafficking markets, where people are bought and sold for profit. One insidious way that some children become Orphans of War is when attacks are carried out on their villages for the purpose of killing adults and creating chaos; children are then snatched up and taken to training camps to begin their brainwashing. Sadly, many Muslim families send their children to learn the Quran and to be trained

for jihad. If a child dies carrying out an attack against “infidels,” the family believes salvation is secured for the entire family.

The Rescue Project teams report that they encounter orphaned children of war everywhere they go. They meet them in madrassas (Islamic schools), where they have been put after being stolen or given up by parents. They find young girls being sold and brutalized under the guise of a “spiritual duty.” They see them being sold in the marketplace as indentured servants and sex slaves. They find boys who have been raped in order to shame them into becoming jihadis. They encounter girls as young as eight years old who have been made into child brides.

WHY IS THIS HAPPENING AROUND THE GLOBE? HOW COULD GOD LET THIS HAPPEN?

The answer is that it's an iniquity problem. Iniquity is a word from the Bible that means to bend and distort the ways of God.

God created the family to be a reflection of the relationship between the church and God. He created people to be in relationship with him. But as 2 Corinthians 4:4 says, "The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God." Since they have been blinded, men and women are left to their own evil devices, and the family unit, and subsequently, the lives of children, are destroyed.

BUT THERE IS HOPE!



God has called us, his people, to be a voice for the voiceless. To care for the orphan. To rescue them from death (James 1:27; Proverbs 31:8; Proverbs 24:11).

That's where this small group comes in.

Understanding the problem of iniquity and the resultant Orphans of War tragedy, especially in the Middle East and Northern Africa, should provoke a passion in us to make a difference in the lives of orphans. By speaking up for them and sharing their stories with friends, by praying for them daily, and by building prayer teams, we can change the life of an orphan.

Thank you for joining this small group
and for praying.

SO WHAT IS THE RESCUE PROJECT?

Our mission at **The Rescue Project** is to bring hope to these orphans by rescuing them from their captors, placing them with a caring adoptive or foster family, and providing essentials such as clothing, food, and medical care. They receive trauma counseling, life skills training, and an education.

To learn more about The Rescue Project, visit us at therescueproject.com or on instagram @orphanrescueproject


SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

1. What is the strongest emotion you feel when you hear about the global crisis of orphans? Why do you feel this way?
2. What do you think God's feelings are towards orphans?

SMALL GROUP PRAYER

- Ask the Lord to raise up Jesus followers to act on behalf of Orphans of War
- Pray for churches to get involved in rescuing orphans
- Ask God to watch over Orphans of War and to bring them out of captivity
- To access a prayer tool, visit therescueproject.com/pray

ORPHAN OF WAR STORY



Bassam, whose name means “smiling” in Arabic, is a 10-year-old boy from Afghanistan. Even though his name means smiling, there wasn’t much joy in his life. His father sent him and his three brothers to wage jihad with the Taliban. After their brainwashing and training, the four brothers were sent to war. Bassam had no reason to smile when he lost his brothers, who died in battle. Their deaths traumatized Bassam so badly that he ran away from his family.

One of our rescue teams found Bassam alone, afraid, and hungry. He was hiding in self-isolation without any idea where to go or what to do, and wondering what kind of future he could have.

After the team found him, Bassam was immediately placed with Jesus followers in a house church family. This family began to show Bassam a better way than jihad—a way through faith, hope, and joy in Jesus Christ.

When he was first rescued, Bassam didn't speak much because of the trauma he experienced. But today, since becoming a Jesus follower and accepting Christ's healing, he's doing much better. He is learning about peace from his house church parents and at Friday church gatherings. They are also teaching him how to speak life-giving words instead of the death and hatred of jihad.

When he is not helping his new family in the fields, Bassam is learning proper hygiene and how to read and write. He is getting bolder about sharing his own "Jesus story," and he hopes to be a farmer someday. Bassam is learning to smile again because of the joy of Jesus.

WEEK 2



A BIBLICAL SOLUTION TO THE ORPHANS OF WAR CRISIS

The spiritual battle between good and evil started at the beginning, right after creation. All things that God created were created good and are meant to glorify him. However, a rebellion took place that separated man from God, leading to iniquity. The problem of iniquity is that without the Holy Spirit, men and women distort all of God's good creation. The result is suffering, death, and a life apart from God. As soon as man sinned, our view of God's creation became distorted.

So what is the solution to the global Orphan of War crisis? Simply put, the solution is Jesus followers. God's plan is to use the church to do the work of ministry for him. The Bible instructs the church (Jesus followers) to do the work

of ministry, which includes rescuing and caring for orphans.

God's thoughts about orphans and the needy are made clear all throughout Scripture.

GOD'S RESCUE PLAN IS FOR HIS PEOPLE TO:

1. **Speak** on behalf of those who cannot speak for themselves
2. **Rescue** those who are being led away to death
3. **Care** for those who have been rescued from death

1. SPEAK UP FOR THOSE WHO ARE BEING SILENCED, THOSE WHO CANNOT SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES.

The helpless are by definition unable to help themselves. They are not capable of making their suffering known to the world. That's why this small group curriculum was written—to make all of you in this small group aware of the suffering of children, so that you in turn can make their suffering known to others.

The Bible says, “Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy.” (Proverbs 31:8-9).

When Christians are made aware of those who are suffering, the Biblical guidance for us is to speak up. To spread awareness. To instruct the world regarding those suffering.

2. RESCUE THOSE WHO ARE BEING LED AWAY TO DEATH.

In later weeks, you'll learn how Orphans of War are being led away to death. Their lives are being tragically ended at the hands of evil people who are trapped in their iniquity.

What is God's plan to rescue them? His followers! Proverbs 24:11 instructs us, "Rescue those being led away to death; hold back those staggering toward slaughter."

The whole church must do their part in rescuing Orphans of War from being led away to death. Our rescue teams (you'll learn more about them later) include:

1. The Leadership team
2. The Prayer team
3. The Patron team

4. The Action team

5. The Care team

Everyone in this small group is invited to participate in the epic orphan rescue by joining the Prayer team and/or the Patron team. Pray for Orphans of War, and encourage others to pray for Orphans of War. Join the Patron team to pay for orphans to be rescued and for their care.

3. CARE FOR THOSE WHO ARE BEING RESCUED FROM DEATH.

James 1:27a says, “Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress.”

Once orphans have been rescued, it's on the church (God's people) to care for them. Just like a father and mother

look after their own children, so must we look after Orphans of War. This means providing medical, spiritual, and educational care to them.

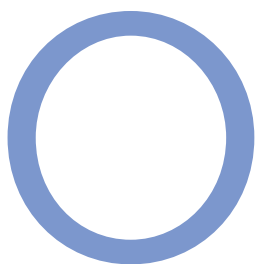
SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

1. What can this small group do to help rescue those stumbling toward slaughter?
2. How can you as an individual pursue justice for orphans who are being led away to death?

SMALL GROUP PRAYER

- Ask God to make it clear to you how to pray for orphans
- Pray for those carrying out rescue missions—for their safety, wisdom, and clarity
- Pray for God to give you insight into how he wants to use you to help Orphans of War

ORPHAN OF WAR STORY



ur action teams found Naveeda, a sweet 11-year old girl from Saudi Arabia. She is an only child whose parents gave her to Al-

Qaeda for spiritual training. Her “spiritual training” was nothing less than torture at the hands of the brutal terrorist group. She was beaten, emotionally abused, and sexually assaulted at the hands of her so-called spiritual trainers.

Upon finding Naveeda, The Rescue Project team introduced her to a loving family and house church. They provide her with extensive trauma counseling and medical care. Our rescue teams have been trained with the best trauma counseling system and

are able to help Orphans of War recover from their abuse.

Because of the caring support and teaching she has received from her new parents, Naveeda is now a Jesus follower! She enjoys reading the Bible and playing with other children from the house church, and is embracing the Bible training that the house church is giving her.

Naveeda still bears some of the psychological scars from the pain and suffering inflicted by Al-Qaeda. But she continues to receive counseling, and her life is much better now. She helps her new family by doing daily chores, and hopes to be a wife, mother, and homemaker someday. Naveeda means “good news,” which is why The Rescue Project is rejoicing over this special child of God who has received the Good News and is a new creation in Jesus Christ.

WEEK 3



ORPHANS OF WAR: JIHAD

Jihad is the armed struggle to defend Islam against outsiders (anyone who is outside of the Islamic faith). Islamic extremists believe it is their duty to orchestrate an apocalyptic battle between Islam and the rest of the world, thus ushering in ultimate Islamic rule. Many of the terrorist organizations justify the evil they do to non-Muslims as a spiritual act because of their holy right of jihad. To make it worse, parents have been deceived into believing the lie that they can ensure their families go to heaven by sending their children to fight and, perhaps, die a martyr's death.

SO HOW DO ORPHANS OF WAR BECOME JIHADIS?

Many Muslim families send their children to learn the Quran and to be trained for jihad. If a child dies carrying out an attack

against “infidels,” the family believes salvation is secured for all of them.

Orphans of War are also purchased in the many human trafficking markets and then made to be suicide attackers. An effective method that terrorists use to capture children is to sow chaos in villages. They carry out attacks on villages in order to kill adults, and in the ensuing disorder they take children to their camps, where they begin brainwashing them.

What is life like for a child being trained in jihad? **Life is brutal, and death is usually the result.** To begin their training, they are often sexually abused in order to shame them into compliance. They are **brainwashed** into believing that murder and evil are the wishes of Allah. In order to make sure they are filled with hatred, they are **beaten** and **abused**, then they are **unleashed to fight jihad.**

These children are helpless and are being led to death and slaughter. This small group and The Rescue Project exist to rescue these children and to give them care.



SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Before today's small group, what did you think jihad was?
2. What do you think the best weapon against jihad is?

PRAYER

- Ask the Holy Spirit to destroy the lies that parents believe about their children and jihad
- Ask God to watch over children in jihad and provide a way of escape for them
- Pray for God to reveal himself to these terrorist organizations

ORPHAN OF WAR STORY



In Yemen, boys as young as ten years old are recruited and forced to fight as child soldiers. The Rescue Project found twelve-year-old Daoud hiding in the mountains. He was one of those boys who had been recruited and forced to fight as a child soldier. Before he escaped from the jihadi camp, he was fighting for revenge for his father, who was killed by Yemeni fighters.

When the Rescue Project found Daoud, they told him about a life of love and peace instead of revenge. Daoud is now a Jesus follower who lives with an underground

house church family. He understands that Christ paid the price to overcome evil and death, and that there is no longer a need for revenge. He is receiving trauma counseling from our team and is praying for God to heal his pain.

To grow in his faith, Daoud is learning how to read and is memorizing Bible verses and stories. He enjoys working with his two brothers to care for the family's sheep. But when he grows up, Daoud wants to be an evangelist rather than a shepherd. His role in the house church is to help serve the leaders, while also learning to become a leader himself. As a result of that training, Daoud has begun sharing his faith with others.

WEEK 4



ORPHANS OF WAR: CHILD BRIDES

Iniquity twists God's creation and God's ways. People seek after their own pleasure, filling the void in their soul with wickedness rather than with the healing of God's love. **That's what is happening in the case of child brides.** God made marriage, sex, and pleasure to be good. He designed marriage. But when people distort it, innocent children suffer.

The founder of Islam, Muhammad, first asked his friend for permission to marry his friend's daughter Aisha when she was 6 years old. When he proposed to the girl, she stared at him in silence, which he considered consent. Three years later, he consummated his marriage with her. He was 52 and she was 9.

Muhammad, the creator of Islam, revered by his followers, had sex with his child bride. Worse, Muhammad's action and teachings on marriage established an Islamic precedent, and Islamic law allows female children to be married off and engaged in sex.

This precedent has perpetrated the practice of child brides throughout much of the Middle East. Many rescued Orphans of War have lived a life of pain and have had their innocence stolen from them.

BUT THERE IS HOPE!



When speaking up for those who cannot speak for themselves, we speak for these innocents! The Rescue Project is passionately committed to praying for these young girls, paying for their rescue

and care, and sending our action teams into dangerous situations to rescue them from this hell. Families and house churches have committed to their healing, restoration, and love. These girls deserve to be taken care of as daughters again.


SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Before the small group content today, did you know about child brides of Islam?
2. When girls are willingly given by their parents, what do you think the motivation of the parents is?

SMALL GROUP PRAYER

- Pray for the healing of young girls who have been forced to become child brides
- Pray for God to open the eyes of evil men who are stealing the innocence of children

ORPHAN OF WAR STORY



Some time ago, our rescue teams were made aware of an ad selling girls, as young as six years old, to become child brides for \$60,000 each. The advertisers made it clear they had eight children available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Eight men in their 50s, with cash in hand, quickly made their way to Syria to buy these girls. After the purchases were made the unimaginable happened. All through the night, these girls were abused in every way possible and eventually began to bleed severely. By morning, the men weren't sure the girls would survive. So, these animals dumped their tiny victims,

naked, and left them to die.

When our teams found the girls, they were horrified by the evil of these men, but grateful they were able to bring each of these precious children to safety. The girls were alive, but were in desperate need of the loving care, nurturing, emotional trauma care, and medical attention provided by our Rescue Project house church partners.

They received the care that they needed, and were put into the loving hands of new parents who are happy to call these girls their daughters. Their care and recovery is ongoing, and The Rescue Project continues rescuing girls like these on a regular basis.

WEEK 5



ORPHANS OF WAR: SEX SLAVES

HOW COULD CHILD SEX SLAVERY EXIST IN THE 21ST CENTURY?

It does. It is insidious. The Bible is clear in Ephesians 6:12 that “our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.” The enemy of God wants to steal, kill, and destroy. His goal is to blind people from the glory of God by amplifying the iniquity of man and distorting God’s creation and God’s plans.

How do children become sex slaves? In cities attacked by ISIS, children left alone without parents are picked up and taken to camps. Brutal captors

“breed” women in Northern China, then sell their newborn children at auctions to the highest bidder. Many children are kidnapped because their beliefs are different from their captors.

Studies estimate that up to 4.3 million children are trapped in human sex trafficking.

ISIS and other organizations of terror are especially brutal. The New York Times published a report on ISIS’ theology of rape, which included an interview with a young Yazidi girl who had escaped from ISIS. The article read: “In the moments before he raped the 12-year-old girl, the Islamic State fighter took the time to explain that what he was about to do was not a sin. Because the preteen girl

practiced a religion other than Islam, the Quran not only gave him the right to rape her—it condoned and encouraged it, he insisted. He bound her hands and gagged her. Then he knelt beside the bed and prostrated himself in prayer before getting on top of her. When it was over, he knelt to pray again, bookending the rape with acts of religious devotion.”⁴

The problem is iniquity—humankind is selfish and bends the laws of God to satisfy its own desires. The other problem is demonic oppression. The devil wants to kill everyone and steal hope from everyone. The only solution is a Biblical one—for God’s people to stand up and do something.

⁴Callimachi, R. (2015, August 13). ISIS Enshrines a Theology of Rape. Retrieved August 19, 2020, from <https://www.nytimes.com/2015/08/14/world/middleeast/isis-enshrines-a-theology-of-rape.html>

**WHAT CAN YOU DO? PRAY. SPREAD
AWARENESS. PRAY. GIVE. PRAY.**


DISCUSSION

1. What types of prayers can you pray to stop the demonic strongholds from destroying the lives of young boys and girls?
2. How can you bring hope to the hopeless?

PRAYER

- Jesus followers have been given authority to stand up to powers of darkness, so exert your authority and intercede on behalf of these children who are being brutalized.
- Ask God to radically save the perpetrators of this evil and that they would instead protect the innocent.

ORPHAN OF WAR STORY



Aisha was 15 years old when ISIS terrorists kidnapped her. Not only did they beat, brutalize, and rape her, they then sold her to the highest bidder as a sex slave. But when her “owner” learned she was pregnant, he threw her into the street.

Discarded like trash, Aisha was found by one of our rescue teams who mobilized a team of counselors, gynecologists, and care providers to help her heal. She was placed in a group home with other pregnant ISIS victims, so she and the baby could receive the support they needed to survive.

Aisha and hundreds of other young women and girls brutalized by radical jihadists urgently need medical care, counseling, food, water, and other essentials. They also need to feel safe and protected.

The questions that Aisha and so many child mothers have are heartbreaking. They wonder: Why are these bones moving inside me? Why am I sick so much? Will my body produce milk for this baby? No teenage girl deserves this.

That's why our teams provide for their physical, emotional, and spiritual needs. In addition to food, water, shelter, and protection, you can help share with them the love and hope found in Jesus Christ.

WEEK 6



THE EPIC ORPHAN RESCUE

Orphans of War. Children trapped in sex slavery. Boys and girls sent to fight jihad. Parents hoping their children die to ensure eternity in heaven for the family. Little girls taken from the play house and forced to be child brides. The plight of children of war is horrible.

BUT THERE IS HOPE!

God is using His people to bring restoration to the lives of these innocent children. There is an epic orphan rescue taking place and, by joining this small group and praying, you are part of the epic rescue plan.

This week, we want to share with you more stories of epic rescue. Your small group facilitator is going to play a series of stories for you today. These are stories

of hope, love, and God's great mercy on His children.

DISCUSSION

1. How are these stories different from how you envisioned the epic orphan rescue taking place?
2. What types of ideas can you come up with to support the rescues that are taking place overseas?

PRAYER

- Thank God for the work he is doing to rescue orphans.
- Thank God for the men and women who are putting themselves in danger to rescue innocent children.

SPECIAL NOTE:

Week 9 is the Rescue Party! The content of this small group is heavy and can leave a burden on our souls. However,

God is doing a mighty work in rescuing children, and that deserves to be celebrated. So in Week 9, throw a party! Figure out who is going to bring what, invite some friends who aren't in the small group, and celebrate the amazing work God is doing.

IDEAS: Have a celebration barbecue at a park or go to a restaurant. Do something fun and celebrate what God is doing!

Email us at smallgroup@therescueproject.com to let us know your rescue party is coming up! We will share some new stories with you, and maybe some other surprises!

WEEK 7



THE RESCUE PLAN

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The Rescue Team is made up of five parts: the Leadership Team, the Prayer Team, the Patron Team, the Action Team, and the Care Team.

- 1. THE LEADERSHIP TEAM:** Makes decisions, conducts training, supports and counsels the other teams, and holds everyone accountable.
- 2. THE PRAYER TEAM:** Takes spiritual ground in the heavenly places, prays for ongoing rescues, and prays for safety and boldness for all those involved.
- 3. THE PATRON TEAM:** Funds the rescue of orphans of war, including

their physical, mental, and spiritual care, as well as their ongoing care with their new families.

4. THE ACTION TEAM: Develops rescue missions, brings orphans out of oppression and captivity to safety, and initiates their healing process.

5. THE CARE TEAM: Made up of house churches, medical professionals, and new families; takes on the task of helping orphans of war break into freedom and healing from their captivity and overcome the powers of spiritual enemies in their lives.

DISCUSSION

1. Which team do you believe is the most crucial?
2. What do you think the process must be like for orphans?


PRAYER

- Ask the Lord which team he is calling you to join.
- Ask God to provide the right people for the right teams.

SPECIAL NOTE:

Don't forget that Week 9 is the Rescue Party! Get the details worked out and invite some friends!

ORPHAN OF WAR STORY



Hana, who is only six years old, escaped from a madrassa in the Palestinian Territories inside Israel. During her captivity, members of Al-Qaeda abused her physically, emotionally, and sexually.

Hana is now with her new family and part of a house church. Because of the brutalization she experienced at the hands of her captors, her new family and church are providing her with trauma counseling to heal her body, mind, and

soul. She's being taught how to forgive and feel valued.

Hana's new house church family includes a new mother, new father, and two brothers. Hana has accepted the salvation of Jesus, and as a new Jesus follower, she's learning about the love, hope, and peace of Christ from women in the church during Friday services. She's also learning how to read and write while receiving training in God's Word from a Kids' Bible Club.

Hana helps her mother clean the house and cook the family's meals; but like most girls her age, she loves playing more than doing her chores!

WEEK 8



ORPHANS OF WAR AND THEIR NEW FAMILIES

In the places where Orphans of War are being rescued, there are no departments of social services. There are no orphanages where these innocent ones can be taken to receive care. It is up to the local church to “look after the orphans” (James 1:27). So that’s what the churches that partner with The Rescue Project are doing. Families within local churches that are from a similar culture have agreed to bring these rescued children into their homes and **make them their new sons and daughters.**

The underground house church that we work with has been equipped to care for these orphans in several amazing ways.

FIRST, they have been given training in trauma counseling. Those rescued need

psychological and spiritual healing from the torture they have endured, and the local church and these families provide that.

SECONDLY, there are medical professionals standing by to care for the wounds sustained in the brutalization of the rescued orphans. This sometimes includes caring for pregnancies and later delivering those babies into the world.

FINALLY, these children are integrated into a family that loves them and cares for them. They are taken care of just like biological children—they are educated and taught vocational skills, and most importantly, they are loved unconditionally.

WE MAKE OUR RESCUED ORPHANS 10 PROMISES:

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3. **PROVIDE** you with emergency medical care.
4. **ENSURE** you have food and clothing.
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6. **DEVELOP** your personal spiritual growth plan.
7. **OFFER** you basic education.
8. **HELP** you with life skills training.
9. **ASSIGN** you a life mentor.
10. **INTRODUCE** you to life-sustaining vocational training.”

DISCUSSION

1. Which of the ten promises do you think is most important?
2. What knowledge or skills do you have that can be passed on to these teams to help orphans and their new families?



PRAYER

- Ask the Lord to help knit these childrens' hearts to their new families and that unconditional love would flourish between them.
- Intercede on behalf of The Rescue Project team. Ask God to empower us to fulfill our promises to these beautiful children.

SPECIAL NOTE:

Have you figured out the plans for the Rescue Party yet? It's next week!

ORPHAN OF WAR STORY



fra, a 5-year-old girl from Syria, became an orphan of war when ISIS killed her parents. She and her brother and sister were rescued by a house church family shortly after ISIS targeted her mother and father because they were Jesus followers.

Using Bible Kids (a Bible curriculum for orphans), her new parents and church are teaching her about God. She enjoys hearing stories about Jesus, the disciples, and Old Testament heroes like David and Daniel. Because she is so young, Ifra doesn't have a lot of chores. But she

does help, as much as she can, in her new family's kitchen. Most of the time, she is a happy and energetic little girl.

But Ifra still has emotional scars from what ISIS did to her family.

Sometimes she “acts out” by shouting and screaming. Our team is providing trauma counseling to help Ifra heal from the pain of losing her parents. House church leaders and parents have been given training, using techniques derived from theophostic prayer counseling, professional counseling, and pastoral counseling, to help these children overcome the psychological and physical torments that they have endured.

WEEK 9



THE RESCUE PARTY!

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Throughout the Bible there is a myriad of stories where God's people celebrated what He had done for them. That's what this week is about. Have a party to the glory of God. Thank him for His mighty work in rescuing innocent children from death and suffering. Most importantly, thank him for the salvation He has given to you and to these Orphans of War, providing you and them with eternal life!

PSALM 150

1 Praise the LORD.

Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty
heavens.

2 Praise him for his acts of power;
praise him for his surpassing
greatness.

3 Praise him with the sounding of
the trumpet,

praise him with the harp and
lyre,

4 praise him with timbrel and
dancing,

praise him with the strings and
pipe,

5 praise him with the clash of
cymbals,

praise him with resounding
cymbals.

6 Let everything that has breath
praise the LORD.

Praise the LORD.

WEEK 10



WAYS TO JOIN THE RESCUE TEAM

Do you want to become part of the epic orphan rescue? There are three teams in the Rescue Project you can join: the Patron team, the Prayer team, and the Ambassador team.

JOIN THE RESCUE TEAM

Here's how you can join the

PRAYER TEAM:

- Commit, as a family or small group, to take ownership over praying for a group of rescued orphans. You will be the only people praying for these orphans—you will be their prayer team!
- Join the rescue text alert team. When a rescue is about to occur, you will receive a text, similar to an amber alert, to pray for the impending rescue.
- Sign up at the link below to let us know

you are praying!

www.therescueproject.com/pray

Here's how you can join the

PATRON TEAM:

Give a recurring gift of \$36 per month, which covers the rescue and care of one orphan.

www.therescueproject.com/give

Here's how you can join the

AMBASSADOR TEAM:

Those who become Rescue Project Ambassadors have decided to take a step above and beyond joining the Prayer or Patron Teams. They have decided to be an extraordinary voice for the voiceless by recruiting others to join the Prayer or Patron Teams.

WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE TO BE AN AMBASSADOR FOR THE RESCUE PROJECT?

- The Rescue Project leadership team works to develop you as a leader and as a voice for the voiceless orphans.
- You become a voice for the voiceless—make sure people you are in relationship with know what is happening to innocent children around the world.
- You are provided with resources to help people join the Prayer team and the Patron team.
- Lead a small group like the one you just participated in!
- If you want to join the Ambassador Team or want to talk to someone from The Rescue Project, contact us at ambassadors@therescueproject.com or let your small group leader know you are interested!

DISCUSSION

1. Throughout this small group, and especially today, what have you felt God calling you to do for Orphans of War?
2. Which team are you interested in becoming part of?

PRAYER

- Ask God to make it clear to you if part of His plan for your life includes joining The Rescue Project as a member of the Prayer team, as a Patron, or as an Ambassador
- Pray that God would raise up leaders to be a voice for these voiceless children and that Orphans of War would subsequently be rescued from being led away to death (Proverbs 24:11)

CONCLUSION

There is no succinct conclusion to this small group. We must all live in the tension between knowing that God is doing an amazing thing by using His people to rescue innocent children and knowing that there are countless children left to be rescued.

We, as God's people, have a mission to carry out. That mission is to continually pray for these children. We must pray for the rescuers on the ground, for the families caring for them, and for the ongoing rescues. Just as importantly, we must be a voice for the voiceless.

You should frequently celebrate the tremendous work God is doing, especially in bringing salvation to so many. You should frequently mourn the lives of

innocents that are cut short at the hands of men and women who are influenced by the spiritual powers of darkness.

From us at The Rescue Project, thank you for participating in this Orphans of War small group. We hope that you have been impacted and inspired to always be a voice for the voiceless.

From the hundreds of thousands of Orphans of War, thank you for rescuing us from death and destruction and giving us a future filled with the grace and hope of Jesus.

If you are interested in joining one of The Rescue Project teams, or want to access additional resources, visit www.therescueproject.com.