

JESSICA JACKLEY: POVERTY, MONEY -- AND LOVE.

WELCOME

(20 MINUTES)

Highs and Lows: *What are yours?*

Prayer: Try these words or your own : *God of Grace, we come to you broken people, as usual, as dependent on you as ever. But thank you also that we are found to be completely whole in you. See to the core of us as you always do, and purify what you find. Amen.*

VIDEO

(20 MINUTES)

DISCUSS

(40 MINUTES)

1. What do you want to discuss after watching the video?
2. What do you think God would want to discuss with you?

IF you are stuck...

Reflections From The Community



Everyone's stories are important. There is immense value in listening to someone else's story and being inspired by them. We are changed by the stories of others. When we eliminate the "false dichotomy" of "us" vs. "them" that so often accompanies acts of charity, we begin to see individuals as they were meant to be seen. We begin to see the value in everyone, knowing that it is a two-way street and we are not the only ones that have something valuable to offer. This way of thinking promotes dignity, respect and hope for everyone. Seeing the potential in others turns our own stories into better stories. -Mikaila



My initial thoughts are that I want to be her new best friend. Not sure that is what God would necessarily want me to talk about, but maybe? The question might be "why" in wanting to be connected and close to her. Because I believe her to be inspiring. Someone who follows the pulls of her heart; she is writing her own story. Are we writing our own stories? Are we listening to those moments of inspiration, confusion, connection and making changes and choices based in that way? Are we willing to stop and hear the stories of others, regardless of where that may take us? These, and many more, are the questions I am asking myself because God, too, is a storyteller. -Jessica



Jessica Jackley, the co-founder of Kiva.org, is not only a compassionate person to the needy, but she also provides an infrastructure of support to empower people to find meaning in their lives. She gives them the tools to help them to transcend beyond poverty. Jackley believes in them, and she demonstrates this in the way she relates to the people. She is a role model to us because she demonstrates God's love and compassion when she reaches out to her "neighbors." -Anaceli

CLOSE

(10 MINUTES)

Housekeeping: *Pick a card. Do it.*

Prayer: *God of Grace, help us explore what it means for each of us to live our dual-identities as both fully sinners and fully saints, both lacking and more than adequate, both in need and provided for abundantly. Amen.*

OR "Wave prayer" – all are invited to pray at the same time. Individuals start to pray at different times out loud, starting whenever they are comfortable, with the voices overlapping each other so that eventually all of the voices are intertwined. End your individual prayers whenever it feels natural. The prayer as a whole should sound something like a rainstorm in some sense.