



WALK

Go to where the need is

BIG IDEA

Jesus ministered to people right where they were. He did not sit in a temple all day, but actually walked to the demon possessed in tombs (Mark 5:1-20), healed people in the streets (Luke 8:43-48) and visited their homes (Luke 19:1-10). The next step is to WALK to where the need is. It is a flesh and bone endeavor that requires our physical presence. Go with an expectation that God will direct your steps and show you what He wants you to see.

STEPS

1. Visit places where the need is present.
2. Bring a friend or go as a team.
3. Use the **WALK Worksheet** to record and discuss what you learned from each visit.
4. Identify key people to ASK.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES ON DOSOMETHINGCHURCH.ORG

Pray and Prepare to Walk

PLACE AND TIME

Use a separate worksheet for each place you visit.

April 19th. Visit to Foster Youth Group Home on Lincoln Ave.

FACTS

What new information did you learn about the need?

Foster families are favored by CWS. Group Homes are the last resort. They are classified according to services they offer. Average number of youth per group home is 8. Average stay is 2.5 years. Group Homes are funded, but lack mentors to be involved in the lives of the youth etc.

EXPERIENCE

What did you experience? What do those in need experience?

The home was really run down. The youth we met seemed so "hardened" by life and their experiences. Their vision for life was just survival, which was heartbreaking to see etc.

INSIGHTS

What insights did you gain into how to meet this need?

The youth has people assigned to care for them, but they don't interact much with positive role models.

The facility is funded by the state, so they don't need financial support, but the youth has almost no fun activities at the house.

PRAY

What is God directing you to do next?

We need to find a way to bring more hope into their lives. Help them see a future for themselves, not just provide "stuff". That is what everyone else seems to be doing.

NEXT STEP - ASK

Who will you ASK to learn more? How will you do it?

Interview the Child and Welfare Services director to get his perspective on how we as a church could best contribute?
Ask Group Home director how can we serve him and the group home best with some fun activities?

**QUESTIONS AND
IDEAS TO PURSUE**

Use this page to note key questions, ideas and insights from WALKING.

Questions:

What can we bring to table than no one else is doing?

What are the legal limitations for working with Foster Youth?

Do we have to background check volunteers? Is there a way to preapprove them?

Are there any limitations on who can we bring to do activities with the youth?

Do we have any families living nearby? etc.

Ideas:

Talk to our Men's Ministry about upgrading the living room in the Group Home and doing some kind of an event for the kids. Explore that idea more with the Director.