

The HOLE *in Our*
GOSPEL

GROUP
STUDY
GUIDE

How to USE THIS STUDY

The *Hole in Our Gospel Group Study Guide* includes six sessions designed for small groups as well as individuals wishing to explore the question, “What does God expect of us?” Throughout the study you will read excerpts from *The Hole in Our Gospel*, written by Richard (Rich) Stearns, the president of World Vision in the United States. Although the study guide does not require reading the book, it can serve as a helpful companion to the study.

MATERIALS NEEDED:

- a Bible
- a pen or pencil

LEADING THIS STUDY

- If you are leading a group study, read the Scripture passages as a group, read the stories and reflections aloud, and then take some quiet time for the group to reflect on (and perhaps journal) the discussion questions.
- Lead a group discussion. You may choose to discuss all the questions or a few, while suggesting that the participants reflect on the others throughout the week.
- Conclude by discussing action steps and inviting the group members to choose a step for the upcoming week.
- End your time together in prayer.
- Remind the participants that the study also provides additional biblical passages for reading, studying, and prayer throughout the week.
- Before starting each new session, check in with the group members about their experiences during the week as they engaged in Scripture, prayer, and action.