



World Relief Refugee Sunday

Working with refugees fleeing persecution and violence in Syria

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Leaders Script

**YOU'VE ALL SEEN IMAGES THE PAST FEW WEEKS THAT WERE HARD TO LOOK AT.
THE KIND THAT MAKE US ALL DECLARE, AS FOLLOWERS OF JESUS,
THINGS ARE NOT AS THEY SHOULD BE.**

OUR FIRST RESPONSE MIGHT BE TO ASK, WHERE IS GOD AMONG THIS?
BUT WHAT IF THE MORE IMPORTANT QUESTION IS GOD ASKING US, **WHERE ARE WE IN THIS?**

Do our hearts break as His does for a 3-year-old child washed onto a beach knowing that He loves that child to the same degree that He loves each of us.

Again, the question is, do WE love that child and what that child represents that much?
While those images have sparked a new public awareness, they represent a much bigger challenge in our world today that can only be labeled as a refugee crisis.

But for us, this is not a political or social good campaign. For us, Christ's love compels us to care and to act, to respond to this crisis now, and with the urgency that all human life deserves.

If you are unfamiliar with the state of the refugee crisis in our world, let me compel you with numbers that stir your life that have stirred mine.



(INSERT VIDEO)

If not using video, insert stats*



(INSERT GLOBAL STATS)

These statistics are reflected in the broader refugee crisis globally.

As a church, we are committed to working with **World Relief** for long term solutions to this problem.
We are pursuing partnerships with churches that are also helping globally provide the urgent needs of refugees and we will continue to keep you informed and engaged in the progress being made defining those relationships.

**But we also have an individual role to play.
HERE ARE THE WAYS YOU CAN RESPOND TODAY.**



PRAY: First, we each need to be driven to our knees in prayer to a Holy God and a Loving Father who weeps for the state of our world. **We need to ask for His hand of intervention** and that he would give us the courage and ideas to respond in the way he is calling us to.



ADVOCATE: Second, you have a voice that is needed to compel our elected officials to do good in the world. You can do so by visiting WeWelcomeRefugees.com.



GIVE: And finally, I want to ask you to consider sacrificially giving beyond your tithes to this church by giving financially towards this issue because it takes money to solve issues like this and you can provide encouragement and necessities for families in need.

Before we move on to anything in our service, we are going to pause right now and pray that God bring healing to our broken world.

(PRAYER)

*Stats included on FAQ page



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