

A Bible Study to help
Christians think about asylum
seekers and refugees



Getting started

How would you describe your attitudes to refugees? Share with the rest of the group.

Who is the “refugee”?

Read the Bible passages and fill in the table – who is fleeing in each story, and why?

Bible text	Who is fleeing?	Why are they fleeing?
Exodus 2:11-22		
Ruth 1:1-2		
Matthew 2:13-16		
Acts 8:1-3		

How does God respond to injustice in the world now?

Malachi 3:5

Amos 5:10-13

What does God promise to do about injustice in the world one day?

Acts 17:30-31

Revelation 21:1-4

How does God want his people to respond to injustice?

Micah 6:8

Zechariah 7:8-10

James 2:1-7

James 2:14-17

Why does God want his people to respond to injustice in this way?

Genesis 1:27

Leviticus 19:33-37

Deuteronomy 24:14-22

Hebrews 11:13-16

How does God use his people to bless the “strangers in the land”?

Ruth 2:8-13

Romans 12:13

Proverbs 31:8-9

How does God use the strangers in the land to bless their “hosts”?

Genesis 41:56-57

Ruth 2:8-13

Luke 10:25-37

What is God's promise for those who act justly and show mercy to vulnerable people?

Matthew 5:6-7

Matthew 25:37-46

Personal reflection:

I have learned this:

I need more help to understand this:

I will make this change in my life:

I will pray about this:

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