

SPLASH Session 2: PEOPLE

Leader and Participant Study Guide

Before the Second *SPLASH* Session

- ✓ Read Chapter 2.
- ✓ Contemplate your splash zones.
- ✓ Bring your Bible and your study guide.
- ✓ Have a story of how you were able to SHOW PEOPLE about God.
- ✓ Begin with prayer. The leader can pray or ask one person to do so.

Session Two: PEOPLE

A. In chapter two, Ken and Paula Hemphill introduce a different way of looking at the people in our sphere of influence. Read and talk about the following four statements by giving examples of what Jesus did and how we can act likewise.

1. Jesus approached PEOPLE, and they were drawn to Him.

Jesus approached people with compassion and the ability to see who they were and what they could become.

How can we approach people who may be different, unlikeable, needy, or maybe just like we are, letting them know we care about them?

2. People needs are more important than institutionally stated or unstated rules.

Jesus followed Kingdom rules, not rules set by man. Can you give some examples?

Have you experienced going outside the rules to help another person?

3. Look for those who seem to be invisible.

Jesus sought people who were shunned by others. Even His disciples wanted some people to “just go away.” Can you think of examples from the Gospels?

What practices might help us to see and respond to the invisible people in our daily lives?

4. Do the Unexpected.

Jesus offered acceptance, forgiveness, and wholeness. He saw people for their value and responded to them in amazing ways.

What have you done or could you do that would Splash someone with unexpected kindness?

B. Read the following Bible verses. Identify one of the four statements above to describe Jesus’ actions. This activity can be done all together or in groups of 2-4 with each group covering one or more readings and reporting back to the group.

Luke 5:1-11 (fishers of men)

Luke 5:27-28 (Levi the tax collector)

Matthew 9:35-36 (Jesus’ compassion, bountiful harvest, few workers)

John 5:1-9 (Healing at the pool)

Matthew 12:1-8 (Lord of the Sabbath)

Matthew 15:21-28 (a woman with great faith)

Luke 8:1-3 (disciples and the women who went with them)

C. Putting this lesson on PEOPLE into practice.

1. Here are the SPLASH Zones the Hemphills listed. Can you list someone you might splash in several of the zones?

Family

Friendship

Neighborhood

Workplace

Affinity (common interest)

Serendipity (random meeting)

2. What is one or more practice from this week's PEOPLE emphasis that you will try this week? (*Optional*) Talk over your practice for this week with a partner.

CLOSE WITH PRAYER

Use this one (optional)

Father in Heaven, please hear our prayer of need. We want to be more like Jesus. Help us to look at others as Jesus did, with compassion, seeking their worth and potential. Help us to do the unexpected with the guidance and words of the Holy Spirit. In Your Son's name, AMEN.