



# Biblical Justice

## Week 9: God's Heart for the Orphans

### Summary

In August 2019 there were 905 children in the state of Minnesota waiting to be adopted. Many of those kids move from foster home to foster home. The statistics of what kids who end up in the foster care system go through is so sad. It doesn't have to be that way. What if the Church of Jesus Christ stepped up and cared for orphans and vulnerable children the way Christ followers are commanded to care? Together for Good, a ministry partner of Wooddale Church, is there when vulnerable parents face crisis. When vulnerable parents face crisis, children are at risk. Let's work together to ensure vulnerable mothers and children never walk alone.

Teachers: Alicia Stratman, Wooddale Church member and social worker with Together for Good; Maridel Sandberg, executive director, Together for Good

### Discussion Questions

- How can I begin to think about orphan care differently and incorporate this responsibility into my life?
- Are there any orphans or widows that are currently in my life that I could be coming alongside?
- God instructs us in James 1:27 to "care for the orphans and widows in their distress." Are you taking this instruction seriously and stepping in to do this work?
- If we, as believers, are pro-life - are we willing to stand by that decision and help these moms that choose life in a crisis pregnancy situation?

### Resources

Together for Good has a host of recommend reading and workbooks at <https://tfgood.org/resources/>.

### Next Step

Everyone can do something. When vulnerable parents face crisis, children are at risk of abuse and neglect. Together for Good is building a network of trained volunteers and host families who will join hands with families in need to provide friendship, care and a safe place for children so parents are able to regroup and gain stability. To find out more visit <https://tfgood.org/get-involved/>.

### Next Week

Our speaker is Thom Berkowitz. Thom is a Wooddale member and Community Bible Study lead instructor. He will be talking about the topic of antisemitism.