

The Water Challenge Introduction Comments

(for Secular Organizations)

Week 1

Imagine what your life would be like if you woke up tomorrow morning and found that there was no water coming into your home. What would you do? Probably you'd get a few gallons of bottled water, and feel a bit grungy and inconvenienced until the water came back on. Other than that, things would really be OK. But what if the water never came back on? And what if the stores ran out of bottled water? What if the nearest drainage ditch became the only place we could get any water at all? Would you begin to worry about your health? There are people living with exactly that problem all over the world. And we can help. Take a look at this video. It only lasts about 5 minutes, but it's going to challenge us to make a difference.

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Week 2

Last week we started The Water Project. Here's all you need to know in case you weren't here. We have been challenged to give up all beverages except water for 2 weeks, and to take the money we would have spent on ourselves, for beverages, and give it instead, to The Water Project, an organization that will use it to save lives by building water projects in places where people drink from polluted streams and disease filled pits. The video you are about to see tells a little more about the people that are out there drilling the wells. It's one way The Water Project is bringing clean water to those who desperately need it.

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The Water Challenge Introduction Comments (for Christian Organizations)

Week 1

Matthew 25:31-40 says: "But when the son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit upon his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered in his presence, and he will separate them as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep at his right hand and the goats at his left. Then the King will say to those on the right, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you fed me. ***I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink.*** I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me. Then these righteous ones will reply, "Lord, when did we ever see you hungry and feed you, *or thirsty and give you something to drink?* Or a stranger and show you hospitality? Or naked and give you clothing? When did we ever see you sick or in prison and visit you?" And the King will tell them, "I assure you, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!"

Have you ever thought about how you can "do unto the least of these"?

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1 John 3:17-18 says, "If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need, but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? Dear children, let us love not with words or tongue, but with actions and in truth." This project is giving us a chance to love with actions, so keep on going just a little longer, and remember to bring your money back next week.

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