



TRAVIS PARK CHURCH  
BOOK AND BIBLE STUDY  
THE HOLE IN OUR GOSPEL

NOVEMBER 27, 2022 - FEBRUARY 5TH, 2023

MEETING	CHAPTERS	QUESTION FOR CHAT AND CONTEMPLATION
NOV. 27	1-3	IN CHAPTER 2, RICH DESCRIBED HIS JOURNEY THROUGH UNEMPLOYMENT AND THE IMPACT IT HAD ON HIM. HE CONCLUDED THAT GOD USED THAT EXPERIENCE TO DEEPEN HIS FAITH. WHAT HARD TIMES HAVE YOU EXPERIENCED? WHAT DID THIS TEACH YOU ABOUT HOW GOD WORKS IN OUR PAINFUL SEASONS?
DEC. 4	4-5	HOW OFTEN DO YOU THINK ABOUT THE PEOPLE AROUND YOU - ESPECIALLY THOSE IN NEED - AS IF THEY WERE CHRIST HIMSELF? HOW WOULD IT AFFECT THE WAY YOU TREAT PEOPLE IF YOU DID?
DEC. 11	6-7	DO YOU BELIEVE IT'S TRUE THAT EVERY FOLLOWER OF CHRIST IS CALLED FOR A SPECIFIC PURPOSE? WHAT WOULD YOU SAY GOD'S PURPOSE IS FOR YOUR LIFE? DO YOU STRUGGLE TO DISTINGUISH THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN YOUR CAREER OR VOCATION AND YOUR CALLING?
DEC. 18	8-9	HAVE YOU EXPERIENCED "COMPASSION FATIGUE"? WHAT CAUSES THAT FOR YOU? WHAT CAN YOU DO TO AVOID BECOMING DETACHED AND INDIFFERENT TOWARD SUFFERING IN THE WORLD?

- JAN. 1 10-12 HOW DID YOU FEEL READING ABOUT THE MANY ISSUES THAT TRAP FAMILIES LIVING IN POVERTY AROUND THE WORLD? DID IT HELP YOU TO CONSIDER THOSE PROBLEMS AND STATISTICS THROUGH THE THREEFOLD LENS RICH SUGGESTS: THAT EVERY ONE OF THOSE PEOPLE WAS CREATED BY GOD AND IS LOVED BY GOD; THAT EVERY CHALLENGE HAS A SOLUTION; AND THAT EVERY ONE OF US CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE?
- JAN. 8 13-14 UNTIL NOW, WHAT DID YOU THINK ABOUT THE POWER OF PRAYER AS A WEAPON AGAINST THE PAIN IN THE WORLD? DID HEARING RICH'S EXPERIENCE WITH OCTAVIANA CHANGE YOUR BELIEF? CAN YOU SEE THE POSSIBILITY OF *YOU* BEING THE ANSWER TO SOMEONE'S PRAYER?
- JAN. 15 15-17 WOULD YOU DESCRIBE OUR CHURCH MORE AS A "SPIRITUAL COCOON," WHERE CHRISTIANS RETREAT FROM A HOSTILE WORLD, OR A "TRANSFORMATION STATION," WHOSE PRIMARY OBJECTIVE IS TO CHANGE THE WORLD? HOW IS THAT MANIFESTED? WHAT COULD YOU AS AN INDIVIDUAL OR STUDY GROUP DO TO HELP LEAD OUR CHURCH WITH AN OUTWARD VISION?
- JAN. 22 18-20 WHAT DO YOU THINK MAKES SINS OF OMISSION SO MUCH HARDER OR LESS POPULAR TO TALK ABOUT THAN SINS OF COMMISSION?
- JAN. 29 21-23 DO YOU AGREE WITH MARGARET MEAD'S OPINION OF THE ABILITY OF A SMALL GROUP OF COMMITTED CITIZENS TO CHANGE THE WORLD (P. 223)? WHAT EXAMPLES OF THIS DO YOU SEE HAPPENING TODAY?
- FEB. 5 24-26 HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT OF YOURSELF AS "GOD'S PLAN A" FOR CHANGING THE WORLD? HOW DOES THAT MAKE YOU FEEL? IF YOU BELIEVE IT - AND YOU ALSO BELIEVE THE COROLLARY, THAT GOD "DOESN'T HAVE A PLAN B" - WHAT WILL YOU DO WITH THE CHALLENGE? WHAT CHANGES CAN YOU MAKE IN YOUR LIFE NOW TO PUT YOUR "PLAN A" IDENTITY INTO ACTION?