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When Helping Hurts: The Small Group Experience: An Online Video-Based Study On Alleviating Poverty



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Good intentions are not enough. When Helping Hurts offers a different framework for thinking about poverty and its alleviation. Rather than simply defining it as a lack of material things, the book addresses the roots of the issue: broken relationships with God, self, others, and the rest of creation. Online videos included. Join together as a class or small group to explore how to help the poor without hurting them. The Small Group Experience, an ideal training resource for small groups, Sunday school classes, and parachurch and nonprofit ministries, utilizes free online video lessons to unpack the basic principles of poverty alleviation in an accessible way. Filmed in the U.S. and abroad, each of the six lessons includes discussion questions, application exercises, and materials for further learning. Join the many ministries and churches that are already implementing these ideas, transforming their culture of poverty alleviation, and moving toward helping the poor without hurting them.

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I've often been skeptical about giving someone on a street corner holding an I AM HUNGRY sign cash, so I switched to McDonald's gift cards that I carry in my car. However, this book and group study have shown me how I'm not helping -- I'm actually hurting someone truly in need or being conned by someone who's just lazy. There are other ways to truly help a person who needs a big dose of dignity and support, and this study will show how it's done most effectively. Caution: It's gonna change you so that you'll want to get involved!

This is a GREAT read - not just for "missionaries" and churches - our COUNTRY needs to understand these principles. Hand-outs demean and crush people's spirit - they say "you can't handle it" and "you need ME!" to just manage to live. Better - understand poverty in all its variations and address the foundation - broken relationships. (and get GOVERNMENT out of the poverty alleviation biz! ...all it is is hand outs!).

Interesting and eye-opening information about how helping can sometimes exacerbate or prolong problems of the poor. It challenges our (American) way of thinking of the poor and how we can respond. Thought provoking, initiates discussion and rethinking of our efforts to make a difference

I read the first "When Helping Hurts," but this is much better with the small groups and for folks who don't have a lot of time to read. The videos are helpful too!

Good book. Well worth the read. When coupled with When Helping Hurts they compliment each other. Book is short but contains good information to help organize and execute a short term

mission or other project. Does have a lot of repeated information from their original book but still good.

This is a total paradigm shift and I highly recommend this book if you are working with missions and mission teams.

This book breaks down the major points from When a Helping Hurts leading into deep discussion. Also gives ideas to go deeper into specific topics. Six weeks is ideal time for a study. Videos are professional and appropriate in length so there is still plenty of time to discuss. I would have liked to get a DVD rather than use the QR reader to access them online.

This is an excellent resource to use with small groups and leadership teams. We recently took our mobilization leadership and summer mission teams through the study. They have included links to videos online that you can stream for your sessions, and they are well worth watching. The questions are smart and insightful, and the study provides an impressively full and holistic view of poverty alleviation in such a short timeframe. Highly recommended, as well as the full text.

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