JUSTICE (SMALL GROUP)

LESSON 1: JUSTICE - EXPLAINED

OBJECTIVE: STUDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO DEFINE JUSTICE BY USING A WORD WEB ACTIVITY

Word Web Activity

Materials: Cut pieces of yarn so that students have at least 4 pieces, tape (if yarn unavailable) or thumbtacks/pushpins, bulletin board or dry erase board, words printed/ written legibly on a piece of paper

Ask: What is justice? Allow a number of 2-3 students to share their thoughts. Challenge some of the definitions by adding ideas that may cause students to think more deeply. Don't accept pat answers.

Ex:

Leader: What is justice?

Student: Justice is making things fair.

Leader: Who decides? What determines if some action is fair/unfair?

Student: A judge decides. They know the law and they decide if it is right.

The leader will pause along the conversation and point out that new words were being added as justice was being explained and defined. In the example above, judge, law and right came out. Deep definitions and relevant meanings always connect other words to the word being defined. In this activity, we will create a deep definition of justice together using the words you will be receiving.

Leader:

1-Tape/ Pin the word Justice on a wall or bulletin board.

2-Distribute 3 printed words from the list below to each student and 4 pieces of yarn/tape.

3-Tell students that they are going to create a word web as a group using all the words that were distributed. Ask a student to look at their words and connect their word to the word on the wall.

4- Explain that they will use the pieces of string to show and explain connections that the words have to each other.
(EX: Why did you connect the word power to oppress Miguel? Can you explain your thoughts?)

5-Remind students that every word DOES NOT have to always connect to the starting word: Justice.

6- After everyone has connected their words and explained their ideas, create a definition of justice together.

Feel free to edit the following list of words

-justice	-race	-oppression	-power	-privilege	-vengeance
-law	-fair	-right	-order	-right	-forgiveness
-peace	-equal	-truth	-God/Jesus	-discrimination	-repayment
-love	-bias	-mercy	-grace	- color	-courage
-victory	-obedience/disobedience				