



Session 7: Value All
Suggested Week of Use: January 15, 2017
Core Passages: Proverbs 24:10-12;
Mark 10:46-49

News Story Summary

Pregnant women or women with babies who are homeless or without resources to provide for their families have a refuge in Tequesta, Florida. Hannah's Home helps women, ages 18 to 26, put their lives back on track. Carol Beresford, Hannah's Home founder, said they help young women who are in crisis to finish their education or find a job.

The home helps women like Alexis Jones who said Hannah's Home put her back on the right track. She said, "I was almost homeless basically, and so I found this just in time." Hannah's Home helps women transition to independent living so they do not have to depend on the system. Beresford said, "It's a great place."

(For more on this story, search the Internet using the phrase "Hannah's Home news.")

Focus Attention

To supplement the Focus Attention idea under More Ideas, instruct the group to look through the newspapers, news magazines, and news websites for social or individual needs and organizations that offer assistance for human needs. Invite volunteers to report on their findings. Read the news story summary. Ask: *How do organizations like Hannah's Home demonstrate the value of humans?*

Many people face great challenges, like homelessness, hunger, and poverty, that seem insurmountable. Today's lesson challenges us to be advocates on behalf of people who face challenges like these.

Challenge

To supplement the Do idea under Summarize and Challenge, remind the group of the news summary. Explain that Jesus demonstrated the value of the blind beggar Bartimaeus when a crowd was trying to keep him quiet (Mark 10:46-49). Ask: *What chance would Bartimaeus have getting his needs met in our culture? How could the church help?* Read Proverbs 24:10-11. Challenge group members to seek ways to demonstrate the value of others by reaching out to someone who is dealing with a crisis. Point the group to the first question set under In My Context for discussion.