

Coming to Say Goodbye Video Study Guide

Take a moment to...

- Absorb what you have seen
- Reflect on what touched you most
- Join with 1 or 2 others and share what touched you about the video

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Form three groups

Group 1: Orphans

- What do their lives hold?
- What are the biggest problems they will have to face?
- What can we do?

Note: Many of the orphans are HIV+, having received the virus from their mothers.

Group 2: Women

- Why are women so affected by this disease and what makes them more vulnerable?
- What is the impact of their illness and death on the community?
- What we can do?

Group 3: Access to medicines

- Why are medicines in North America and Europe unavailable in Africa?
- What is the impact?
- Should the people of Africa have them?
- What are some of the obstacles to obtaining the medicines?
- What can we do?

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Think about the individuals in the video

Rosalyn, Serafina

Christopher and his brothers

Bibiana and granddaughters

Lumba with her baby

Ali and his mother, Winfreda

- What is the impact of HIV/AIDS on their immediate lives?
- What is the impact of each person's illness or death on the family? their community?
- What is the impact on the society of so many deaths, of so many orphans?

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QUOTE 1:

"So the sheer numbers of people involved is so great that there has to be a world wide effort to restore the peoples of Africa to some sort of level, from such a deep hole that they can at least reach a level ground and begin building up their economies again. Without that I see that the problems of this continent will reach a point where there will be animals and not people in this continent basically. Sometimes it looks like it's the purpose of the developed countries to depopulate Africa.." (Dr. Margaret Ogola).

Why does she say this?

What can our response be to her concern?

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QUOTE 2:

"I think that it must cost more to test a fighter jet for one minute than to feed a child for a whole year. Let us make wise policies, not as a specific nation, but as a human race."

(George Owiso)

**How do you think our government should respond to George's statement?
What kinds of policies can we influence?**

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QUOTE 3:

"AIDS is now acknowledged as the worst plague humankind has ever faced. Years from now people will ask about AIDS, as with the holocaust, How could they have known - and failed to act?"
(Salih Booker, Exec. Director, Africa Action).

**What do you think Salih Booker means by "act"?
What does that mean for us?**

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QUOTE 4:

"People are suffering and people are dying. A whole generation of children is growing up without their parents, condemned to live their lives in poverty. Tens of millions of people have died of AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria. This is a new holocaust... How many tens of millions more people will have to die before we address this situation seriously?..".
(Vice President Justin Malewezi of Malawi)

**If 15% of the population of the U.S. had HIV/AIDS,
what do you think we would do?**

**Why do you think there is so little being done for other
countries where thousands die every day?**

How would you like to see the United States respond?

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QUOTE 5:

“I do not do this because someone has to do it, but because I feel that I am the one to do it.”
(Social Worker, AIDS Educator)

In what ways do you feel that you “are the one” to respond to HIV/AIDS?

What are the opportunities and resources available to you for responding to HIV/AIDS?

What will you commit to do to address this pandemic?

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RESOURCES

**For more discussion ideas
see the HIV/AIDS Educational Packet,
developed by the Washington Office on Africa**

www.woa.org

**For exercises related to daily life and poverty,
download the simulated game
"Hungry Decisions"**

www.churchworldservice.org/decisions/index.htm

VIDEOS

"A Generation of Hope"

**General Board of Global Ministries,
United Methodist Church**

Available from EcuFilm, 1-800-251-4091

\$19.95

"Zimbabwe: Fight for Life"

Available from Catholic Relief Services

www.Catholicrelief.org

Organizations and Web Sites

www.aegis.org

AEGIS (AIDS Education Global Information System) provides access to daily news on HIV/AIDS, FAQs, fact sheets, a daily digest of information (by e-mail, free subscription), and linkages to other networks and websites.

www.cptecch.org

The Computer Technology Project analyzes the impact of trade rules, especially concerning intellectual property rights, on access to essential medications.

More Organizations and Web Sites

www.cws.org

Church World Service (CWS)

Is a relief, development, and refugee assistance ministry of 36 Protestant, Orthodox, and Anglican denominations in the U.S. CWS offers excellent educational materials and collaborates with other major Global AIDS efforts.

Look for their "Facts have faces" fact sheets.

www.globaltreatmentaccess.org

Health Global Access Project (GAP)

campaigns for drug access and the resources necessary to sustain access for people with HIV/AIDS across the globe, working with allies in the global South and in G-7 countries.

Health GAP has launched a new campaign challenging Coca-Cola to provide health treatment for all of its world employees and their families.

More Organizations and Web Sites

www.globalaidsalliance.org

The Global AIDS Alliance (GAA) is a transnational alliance of partner organizations, founded in March, 2001, and headquartered in Washington, DC

GAA Sponsoring Groups include religious organizations, humanitarian agencies, human rights groups, AIDS activists and others.

The GAA stands for eliminating the AIDS crisis without delay by mobilizing public opinion, more money and better policies to address HIV/AIDS and its causes, including extreme poverty.

The web site frequently posts up to date action alerts aimed at raising global resources to combat AIDS in Africa.

More Organizations and Web Sites

www.iccr.org

The Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility works through the investment holdings of various religious institutions to challenge corporate leadership to make changes in corporate policy to reflect socially responsible actions.

www.accessmed-msf.org/index.asp

Doctors without Borders

has launched a campaign on access to medicines which includes lobbying the WTO's Trade Related Intellectual Property Rights council (TRIPS) to make medicines more accessible to the developing world.

More Organizations and Web Sites

www.oxfam.org.uk/cutthecost/index.html

Oxfam UK has launched a campaign to cut the cost of patented medicines for developing countries.

www.unaids.org/index.html

The UNAIDS web site is an excellent resource for new reports, updates on the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, including press releases on global initiatives and world-wide demographic information on HIV/AIDS.

www.e-alliance.ch

The Ecumenical Advocacy Alliance is a global ecumenical network for international cooperation in advocacy on HIV/AIDS and global trade.

More Organizations and Web Sites

www.globalfundatm.org

Global Fund for AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM)
An international multi-agency fund that gathers and distributes funding
for international AIDS projects

<http://maryknoll.org/GLOBAL/AIDS/gc-intro.htm>

The Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns

prints a variety of articles and action alerts on global AIDS in U.S.

legislation in a bi-monthly magazine called *NewsNotes*.

The Maryknoll AIDS Task Force provides resources for prayer and

action, and stories about the impact of HIV/AIDS

on the lives of people in the developing world.

For more information on

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www.maryknoll.org/MALL/VIDEO/index.htm

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The Vision:

Empowered grassroots women responding to the challenges of HIV/AIDS in Africa from an informed point of view.

The Mission:

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but because we are the ones to do it!**

