

# The Reign of God in the Gospel of Luke and Today

In the list below, find the Scripture passage you studied in class with your group. The list equates the Scripture passage with a modern group of people and the issue these people face or circumstances in which they live. Research the group of people and issue that relates to your Scripture passage. *You only need to research the one group.* On a separate piece of paper, respond to the questions below this list, and be prepared to present your findings in class.

- Luke 7:11–17 (raising of the widow's son) = Mothers of the Plaza de Mayo (Argentina)
- Luke 8:40–56 (*Jairus's daughter* and the woman with a hemorrhage) = human trafficking of young girls
- Luke 8:40–56 (*Jairus's daughter* and *the woman with a hemorrhage*) = social stigmas associated with women who have been raped
- Luke 16:19–31 (Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus) = poverty in Haiti before and after the earthquake of January 12, 2010
- Luke 17:11–17 (cleansing of the ten lepers) = HIV/AIDS in Africa
- Luke 21:1–4 (widow's mite) = elderly women and poverty

## Questions

1. Who are the poor and marginalized in this situation?
2. Describe the situation or circumstances in which they live or the suffering they endure or have endured.
3. What actions are being taken to change their situation?
4. What actions still need to be taken? How might people your age participate in or support these needed actions?
5. In what ways is this issue or situation similar to the Gospel passage you read from Luke?

