

# THE WORLD THAT NEEDS TO BE CHANGED

## Sharlene Swartz - Thursday morning plenary

### IF THERE WERE 100 TEENAGERS IN SOUTH AFRICA...

- 80 are black
- 9 are white
- 9 are coloured
- 2 are Indian
- 50 live below the poverty line
- 50 will not work in the future
- 18 are HIV positive
- 24 speak isiZulu as a first language
- 17 speak isiXhosa as a first language
- 14 speak Afrikaans as a first language
- 8 speak English as a first language
- 36 are unlikely to marry by age 35
- 8 will go on to tertiary education
- 57 live in urban areas
- 2 head a household on their own
- 9 consume more than half of all South Africa's resources
- 80 say they are Christian
- 24 go to African Initiated Churches
- 18 have no religion
- 9 never go to church
- 53 go to church once a week or more
- In the UK it's 9
- In the USA it's 31
- In Australia it's 6
- 30 have been in a fight this past month
- 8 have forced someone to have sex
- 44 say that their favourite music is gospel
- 28 say their favourite music is kwaito
- 2 love rock music
- 2 dig pop music
- 68 believe that racial hatred still exists
- 51 are homophobic
- 0 have known structural apartheid
- 100 live with its economic and political effects
- 25 have parents who were political activists
- 17 cite Nelson Mandela as their role model
- 12 cite Rebecca Malope
- 5 regard Thabo Mbeki as their role model
- 10 have no role models
- 14 are members of a gang
- 75 go to a township school
- 53 will continue to matric
- 36 will successfully complete matric
- 3 will have an abortion
- 41 have had sex
- 29 are regularly sexually active
- 6 have used cocaine
- 11 have used heroin

- 6 have used Mandrax
- 6 have used 'club drugs'
- 11 have used inhalants
- 13 have used dagga
- 23 are binge drinkers
- 21 smoke cigarettes
- 17 have tried to commit suicide
- 17 have recently carried a weapon
- X will go to jail in their lifetime
- X believe stealing from whites is redistribution
- X have been a victim of police brutality
- X deal drugs
- X are sexist
- X are materialistic
- X are insecure
- X have been raped or 'jackrolled'
- X have been a victim of violent crime
- X live in fear of violence
- X have been sexually abused
- X are xenophobic
- X have committed murder
- X have robbed someone
- X have abused a younger child

### **ISAIAH 58:2-10**

For day after day they seek me out; they seem eager to know my ways, as if they were a nation that does what is right and has not forsaken the commands of its God.

They ask me for just decisions and seem eager for God to come near them.

'Why have we fasted,' they say, 'and you have not seen it? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you have not noticed?'

"Yet on the day of your fasting, you do as you please and exploit all your workers.

Your fasting ends in quarreling and strife, and in striking each other with wicked fists.

You cannot fast as you do today and expect your voice to be heard on high.

Is this the kind of fast I have chosen, only a day for a man to humble himself?

Is it only for bowing one's head like a reed and for lying on sackcloth and ashes?

Is that what you call a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord?

"Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke?

Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter-- when you see the naked, to clothe him, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?

Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the Lord will be your rear guard.

Then you will call, and the Lord will answer; you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I.

"If you do away with the yoke of oppression, with the pointing finger and malicious talk,

and if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday.

1. No judgement
2. No infighting
3. A heart for the poor
4. No fear
5. Respect and equality
6. Love and justice
7. Lose the materialism
8. Lose yourself...

## **Jesus Christ**

**Jesus Christ, I think upon your sacrifice  
You became nothing, poured out to death  
Many times, I've wondered at Your gift of life  
and I'm in that place once again  
I'm in that place once again**

**And once again I look upon the cross  
where You died  
I'm humbled by Your mercy  
and I'm broken inside  
Once again I thank You  
once again I pour out my life**

**Now You are exalted to the Highest place  
King of the heavens, where one day I'll bow  
But for now, I marvel at this saving grace  
and I'm full of praise once again  
yes I'm full of praise once again**

**And once again I look upon the cross  
where You died  
I'm humbled by You mercy and  
I'm broken inside  
Once again I thank You  
Once again I pour out my life**

**Thank You for the cross  
Thank You for the cross  
Thank You for the cross my friend (Repeat)**

## **I will offer up my life**

**I will offer up my life  
I will offer up my life in spirit and truth  
Pouring out the oil of love as my worship to you  
In surrender I must give my every part  
Lord receive the sacrifice of a broken heart**

**Jesus what can I give, what can I bring  
To so faithful a friend to so loving a king  
Saviour what can be said,  
What can be sung  
As a praise of you're name  
For the things you have done**

**Oh my words could not tell  
Not even in part  
Of the dept of love that is owed**

**By this thankful heart**

**You deserve my every breathe  
For you've paid the great cost  
Giving up your life to death  
Even death on a cross**

**You took all my shame away  
There defeated my sin  
Opened up the gates of heaven  
And have beckoned me in**

**What can I give  
What can I bring,  
What can I sing as an offering Lord**