



Faith & Medicine Film 2

Medicine and a God That Comes Near

Discussion Guide

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Dr. Porte says that, while being a doctor in a shelter means being paid less and doing harder work, it answers Christ's call to do justice. "For someone who has a lot," he says, "comes responsibility." What do you think Christ's call to justice means for you?

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Dr. Olushoga said yes to the request to go into the shelters as a psychiatrist, even when she was pregnant, with all the risks and uncertainties. "I wish I could say I was drawn because I wanted to help the people so much," she says, "but I think I said yes in a dutiful way," in order to support the team. "But today," she says, "I can say that working in the shelters is one of my favorite and most meaningful things I do," even if it "drops me to my knees because I don't feel equipped to do it." What does Dr. Olushoga's experience suggest about the ways that God works in our lives, and how we discover the things he's calling us to?

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A few years ago there was just one doctor from Lawndale Christian Health Center taking care of patients at shelters. But today that has grown to a team of doctors at different shelters, all connected and helping to support each other. And now they are working with the Chicago Department of Health. Dr. Wayne Detmer says, "We can do far more working together than we can independently." When thinking about the kind of work you want to do, how much of a difference would creating networks and teams of support be to bringing about real change?