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Loving through Passion

FOCUS SCRIPTURE

Deuteronomy 10:14-22,
Matthew 19:13-15

FOCUS MINISTRY

Emmanuel House

fellowship!

“From Dream to Reality”

Winter 2018

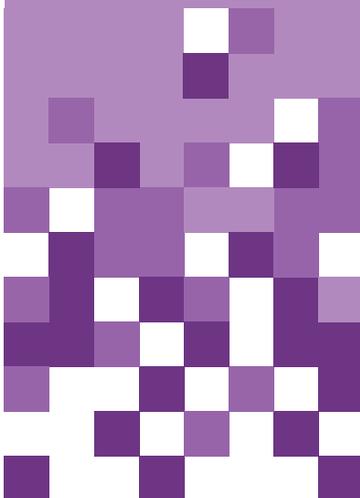
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A Macedonian orphanage founded by a Macedonian woman has come together through prayer, faithful action, and partnership. Natalia Gura loved like God by loving the least in her home of Radovis, Macedonia, and through that has found the God of Love.

- **ENGAGE:** Students will discuss what is so radical about loving the orphan.
- **EQUIP:** Students will discuss Deuteronomy 10:14-22 and Matthew 19:13-15 to better understand how God loves and hopes for us to experience love.
- **EXTEND:** Students will look at who the orphan is in their community.
- **MISSION PROJECT:** Students will discuss how to discover their passions.





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LEARNING GOAL

Students will explore how their passions connect to the work of God.

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GETTING READY

1. Read the *fellowship!* article featuring Natalia Gura and the work she is doing in Macedonia
2. Learn some of the context of children without parents in Macedonia
3. Read Deuteronomy 10:14-22 and Matthew 19:13-15

ENGAGE

1. Divide and Discuss:
 - What is the hardest you have worked for anything?
 - What was it for?
 - What was it like to complete?
 - Who helped you?
 - Why did you work so hard?

EQUIP

1. As a group read Deuteronomy 10:14-22 and Matthew 19:13-15
2. Discuss one or more question (together or divided):
 - How do the Old Testament and New Testament passages differ in their view of children?
 - How are the Old Testament and New Testament passages similar?

EXTEND

1. What ministries like Emmanuel House can your congregation partner with like Jeff and Alicia Lee did with Natalia?
 - Is your church already doing this kind of work?
 - How could you?
 - Who is overlooked in your church?
 - Who is overlooked in your youth group?

MISSION PROJECT

1. Natalia's work came from a passion for the children of Macedonia, her home. Her passion helped her to discover God working for and loving the orphans of Macedonia already.
 - What are you passionate for?
 - In what ways could your passions connect to the love God has for the world and for his people in the world?
 - What is one concrete thing you can do about this passion this week?