

SERVING THE SLUMS



1. Check out Psalm 82:3-4. Then in your own words, define these words from the passage.
- Defend—
 - Maintain—
 - Rescue—
 - Deliver—

2. How do you think most people your age would react if they saw someone who was lonely, defenseless, or otherwise hurting? Put an arrow by the reactions that you expect would occur.

Just watch

Feel bad

Say something

Defend them

Walk away

Pray

Tell someone

Comfort them

Feel nothing

Talk to them

Laugh at them

Gossip about them

Offer friendship

Blame them

Help if it wasn't too hard

Help even if it was hard

Now think about the **three** that are your usual reactions to a situation like this. How you think God would respond to your reaction?

3. What are some ways you could help the people below?
- a. Jasmine has a fairly severe speech impediment. People can't understand her easily, so she's usually ignored—or laughed at.
 - b. Diante's dad is dying of cancer, and he's afraid of losing him, although he doesn't show it.
 - c. A drunken man asks you for money for a meal.
 - d. The gothic kid is being shoved around by gang members again.
4. A strong, single young man who refuses to work (because he can live off food stamps and rent subsidy) wants to borrow some bucks. Would you give him money?

Why or why not?