

Adult Education Video Reflection Stacey Campbell's Aha Moment –  
Prison Ministry 18:13 Recorded in 2016.

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Stacey Campbell shares the story of how she came to work with female prisoners to launch “Prison Fellowship Canada” where she uses a Biblical approach to transformation, justice, and reconciliation with prisoners.

1. Stacey Campbell shared that when she was young she dreamed of smoking and being a cashier at a local grocery store. When has God led you from small dreams into something much bigger?
2. Have you ever felt a drive for more meaning in your life? What gives your life meaning? What are the characteristics of living as a Christian?
3. Do you agree with Stacey Campbell that God is predisposed to four categories of people: women, orphans, immigrants and the poor? Why or why not?
4. Have you ever visited inside a prison? If so, please describe your experience.
5. What did you think of Makala's story of telling the truth, admitting to her crime and facing 12 years in prison with no possibility of parole?
6. Have you ever witnessed God's transformation of a person? If so, what was the change and what sparked the transformation?
7. How would you define “Justice”? Do people need to suffer for their crimes? Why or why not?
8. Is our prison system biased and unfair in terms of who is sentenced to prison and for what crimes?
  - 30% Aboriginal (mainly for unpaid fines)
  - 25% Mental Health
  - 5% Violent Offenders
  - 5% Immigration Holds
  - 12% Will Never Be Convicted (innocent or not enough evidence)

Remaining 23% are for a variety of non-violent crimes.

(Note: According to Statistics Canada, on any given day in Canadian federal and provincial prisons there are an average of **38,786 adult prisoners** and **793 persons under 18** in youth custody.)

9. Is prison the best solution for people who commit non-violent crimes? Why or why not?

10. What, if any alternative forms of justice do you support?

11. How might we overcome the fear of ex-offenders?

12. Should federal, provincial and municipal governments be required to employ or find employment for non-violent ex-offenders for a minimum of 2 years?

13. Would you like to play the board game, ONElife?

14. During COVID-19 many prisons have become a death trap for staff and inmates. Some USA states have chosen to release all non-violent offenders, while others have not. What do you believe is the right thing to do during a pandemic?

15. What do you make of all the stories in the Bible that tell of someone arrested, charged or in prison, who are wrongly or unfairly convicted? (Joseph, Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, Mordecai and the Jewish people in the time of Queen Esther, John the Baptist, Jesus, Paul and Silas)

16. What do you make of Biblical stories where someone who commits a crime, such as Moses murdering an Egyptian for beating an Israelite slave, or Saul killing Christians, becoming heroes in our faith story?

17. What do you make of criminals like the one on the cross beside Jesus being promised to be with Jesus in paradise, and Jesus asking us to visit those in prison?