



## SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

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Pastor Gary Skinner

Sermon Discussion Guide

Series:

Sermon: Guest Speaker - Pastor Gary Skinner - Uganda

### Recap the Highlights:

Pastors Marilyn and Gary Skinner founded Watoto Child Care Ministries, an international organisation in 1994 in response to the plight of Africa's millions of children orphaned as a result of HIV/AIDS. Watoto has cared for almost 5,000 orphaned and vulnerable children, with over 3,000 currently receiving care. Some are former child soldiers and some were born to rebel leaders during the civil war. Many of these children have gone on to become lawyers, teachers, computer scientists, journalists, farmers, doctors and even a pilot. As a result of the care and education they have received, they are now impacting society in a positive way.

They were the original founders of the Watoto Church, in 1984 in the heart of Uganda's war-torn capital, Kampala.

### Now Dig Deeper:

1. Read Ephesians 1:21-23
2. Pastor Gary told a story about a children's Special Olympics race. One of the children fell down. Instead of the rest of the kids going ahead to the finish line they helped the child up, locked arms and finished together. He made the statement that winning in life is not crossing the finish line first, but loving and caring those that have fallen on the way. Stopping, picking them up and making winners out of them too. Can you share a time when you have stumbled or fallen and someone around you stopped to help you, pick you up and get you on your way?
3. Faith is seeing things not as they are, but the way they could be. What is something you've had faith about that no one else could see.
4. What was something that stood out to you during the message?
5. Ask if anyone in the group has ever been on a foreign mission trip. What was something that they took away from their trip?

### Respond & Pray:

- Pray as a group for guidance on opportunities to serve our community. How can each of us personally serve those around us?