

# WALTER RAUSCHENBUSCH BAPTIST PROPHET



## Questions for Conversation

- Walter Rauschenbusch lived in a poor neighborhood in New York and saw people struggling. Why do you think he decided to help?
- How can seeing the struggles of others inspire us to act?
- Walter worked in a place called “Hell’s Kitchen,” where many people didn’t have much money and faced difficult living conditions. How do you think he shared God’s love with people in such a tough place?
- What are some ways we can share God’s love with people who are struggling?
- Walter believed that Christians should work to fix unfair systems that hurt people, like poverty. Why is it important to fix the causes of problems, not just the symptoms?
- Can you think of something unfair in your community that you’d like to help fix?
- Walter wrote about the “social gospel,” which means that Christians should care for others and make the world a better place now. Why do you think this is important?
- Walter believed that God cares about justice and fairness for all people. How can we show that we care about justice too?
- What’s one way you can stand up for someone who is being treated unfairly or speak out against unequal treatment or unfair rules?
- Walter’s work helped inspire many people to fight for justice. How can we be like him by helping others in our own communities?

## Suggested Activities

**Justice Wall:** On a large sheet of paper, have students write down things they think are unfair in the world (like hunger or bullying). Then, work together to write ways they can help bring fairness and justice.

**Social Gospel Mural:** Have students create a large mural showing ways Christians can help others in their everyday lives. They can draw pictures of feeding the hungry, helping the sick, or standing up for those treated unfairly.

**Community Service Plan:** Work with students to create a simple plan for a community service project, such as collecting food for a local pantry or writing cards for people in need. Talk about how Walter Rauschenbusch wanted Christians to help others in real, practical ways.