

Holy Comforter Book Group

Holy Comforter started a series of book studies on social mobility and economic sustainability in 2016, prompted by Charlotte's ranking in a study by Dr. Raj Chetty as 50th out of the largest 50 cities in the U.S. in social mobility. Any sustained reading on economic inequality will rapidly raise issues of racial disparity and racism, and the Holy Comforter Book Group (HCBG) has engaged them.

We seek to develop an awareness of the underlying factors affecting social mobility and economic inequality, to encourage discernment of each participant's capacity for leading or supporting change, and to build a network of people of diverse backgrounds and gifts, with the common desire to respect – in thought, word, and deed - the dignity of every human being. We use a framework of Know-Believe-Do based on the New Testament Matthew 8 story of the powerful military officer who acted to gain healing for his valued servant.

The Know-Believe-Do framework can also be understood from other traditions and from a secular perspective. The group welcomes church and community members who can work and communicate effectively in a group and across difference.