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Being Christ-like in Justice

 (Is. 58:6-7; Micah 6:8; Matt. 25:31-46; Lk. 4:18-19; Col. 1:20; 1 Jn. 3:17-18)

Get ready, set, CHANGE!

## 3 Things that have to change… so our helping doesn’t become hurting

* Guilting the “haves” / Shaming the “have-nots”
* Gospel-driven churches yuckaphobia toward social-driven missions (the King without enough kingdom vs. the kingdom without the King—Corbett/ Fikkert)
* Settling for temporary relief rather than the hard work of fixing relationships

1. What does the Lord require of you? Mic. 6:8; 1 Cor. 1:26-31

“it is because of God that you are in Christ Jesus!” 1 Cor. 1:30

* To act justly
* To love mercy
* To walk humbly with your God

2. Why did Jesus come to his creation and why did he leave us temporarily behind? Lk. 4:18-19; Col 1:20

Jesus’ mission is to bring the rule of God to his creation—to fix things sin has ruined—“on earth as it is in heaven.” (Matt.6:10)

* King AND kingdom
* Word AND deed (Lk. 18:35-43)
* Church ministries that model the main feature—CHRIST
* Worship is essential, and connecting critical, but so is reaching with the practical results of kingdom wealth and power (1 Jn 3:16-18)

3. What’s the biblical worldview plan for poverty rescue?

“***Poverty begins with broken relationships***--reconciling first relationships is the key to [spiritual/] material poverty alleviation.” C/F

* Relief—Matt. 25:35-36
* Reconciliation – rehabilitation –Lk. 4:18-19; Acts 3:6-10; 2 Cor. 16-21; Col. 1:20
* Disciple-making—development –Matt 28:19,20; Col 1:28

What change do I need to make to be more like Christ in the matter of Justice?