

“Seven Values Of A Forerunner”

Session Four:

Do Justly

I) Introduction

1. As injustice increases and climbs to heights the earth has never seen it's important that God's people are equipped with scriptures and information about how to release the justice of Jesus into the people of our culture.
2. As we continue with session four of our “Forerunner 101” series, I am going to be talking about doing justly. In this session I will cover *the call to do justly and love mercy, doing justly to prepare for the return of Christ and the foundation of justice—night and day prayer.*

II) The Call To Do Justly And To Love Mercy

1. It's clear to all that our world is in need of justice. With racism, disease, poverty, world hunger, war and increasing immorality. These issues express our great need for a Deliverer.
2. And for this purpose, Jesus has set the Church and Christians in the earth. 2,712 years ago God spoke through the prophet Micah in **Micah 6:8** saying *“He has shown you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you, but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?”*
3. This call is a call to become workers of justice and mercy while walking humbly with God. It's not about doing works of justice separated from Jesus, but to do justly while walking with Jesus.
4. The New Testament calls us to do justly by being passionate for good works that exalt Jesus.
5. Allison Washington once said “it's impossible to encounter Jesus and not touch His heart for people.” When we touch the Chief intercessor we simultaneously touch the Chief evangelist and Father. This changes the way we spend our money, use our time and leverage our family.
6. Our acts of love and justice to the world in which we live become our visible message of Jesus' invisible love. Our internal love for Jesus is shown externally by the works we do in His name.
7. God has partially entrusted both His name and reputation to Christians and the Church. Our lives relay a message about what God is like. When we obey Him, His name is honored but when we disobey God He is dishonored and His good name is misrepresented.
 - a) **2nd Samuel 12:14** *“However, because by this deed you have given great occasion to the enemies of the Lord to blaspheme...”*
8. It's common in our day for people to accuse God of not caring because of the sin and injustice in our world. But as we get involved with the people of our culture Jesus is able to speak directly to these issues. He does it through Christians.

III) Doing Justly To Prepare For The Return Of Christ

1. The season of Jesus' return is going to create the greatest human crisis in world history. The four major sins of the final generation are *murder, sorcery, sexual immorality and theft (Rev. 9:21)*.
2. Babylon is coming again and with her will be the greatest counterfeit social justice movement in world history. Babylon will feed the poor, clothe the naked, relieve the oppressed, bring in world peace, increase financially and usher in religious unity (**1st John 2:18; Revelation 17-18**).
- a) **Revelation 17:3-4** *"So he carried me away in the Spirit into the wilderness. And I saw a women sitting on a scarlet beast which was full of names of blasphemy...the women was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the filthiness of her fornication."*
3. **There's a blog posting on our website today at 1 o'clock telling the real story behind KONY 2012.**
4. John the Baptist was a forerunner who called people to do works of justice that exalted Jesus. **Luke 3:10-14 (Power-point)** is where we see John the Baptist's message to those that were coming to him.
 - a) **Luke 3:10-14** *"So the people asked him saying, what shall we do then? He answered and said to them, He who has two tunics, let him give to him who has none; and he who has food, let him do likewise. Then tax collectors also came to be baptized, and said to him, Teacher, what shall we do? And he said to them, collect no more than what is appointed for you. Likewise the soldiers asked him, saying, and what shall we do? So he said to them, do not intimidate anyone or accuse falsely, and be content with your wages."*
5. It's critical that as we seek to establish justice in the earth today, that we don't do it separated from telling people about Jesus Christ. Without Jesus, there is no true justice. When we only address the need at hand, we miss what's driving the injustice.

IV) The Foundation Of Justice Is Night And Day Prayer

1. Jesus' promise to us is that He would surely bring forth justice on the earth through night and day prayer. It might take a while, but He said that He would surely deliver those who are oppressed when the Church prays night and day (**Luke 18:6-8 Power-point**).
- a) **Luke 18:6-8** *"Then the Lord said, Hear what the unjust judge said, and shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them? I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?"*
2. It's also important that we never substitute works of justice for prayer or prayer for works of justice. We want to work from a place of prayer and pray from a place of work.

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3. Prayer and worship create an atmosphere for the works of justice to break through with more power than if no prayer had gone up. Prayer does three things in the area of justice; **1)** It exalts Jesus and keeps Him central while we work **2)** It transforms the people and the situations we are working with **3)** It confronts the demonic power behind the injustice (**Ephesians 6:12**).
4. Working with people is financially, emotionally and physically exhausting. Because of this, it's critical that we abide in Christ to make sure our perspective of service to others is one of delight and not duty (**Acts 1:4-8**) **WAITING FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

V) Setting Our Hearts To Do Justly

1. We can't possibly satisfy all the needs and hurts throughout this age, but we can put our resources together helping some and we can make a difference.
2. Let's give ourselves to reaching the lost, helping the poor, serving the hungry and giving to those in need! The Bible says that you were created for good works in Christ Jesus before time (**Eph. 2:10**).