JUSTICE AND LIBERTY FOR ALL The Basics – Part 4

ON TV: Have you ever seen an injustice in the world and thought to yourself, "Why doesn't God do something about it?"

ON TV: Why doesn't He do something **now**?

ON TV: What must a person believe in order to be a faithful follower of Jesus?

ON TV: When cultural and peripheral are considered basic and essential, Christianity is no longer "good news of great joy" for all people.

ON TV: #1: Jesus is God's Son, and our King.

ON TV: #2: Jesus came to reveal what God is like.

ON TV: #3: Jesus defines sin as anything that harms you or others.

ON TV: Why doesn't God do something about the injustices or the things that are not right in the world?

ON TV: #2: Jesus came to reveal what God is like.

ON TV: Was it really necessary to flood the whole world and rid the world of all the other people?

ON TV: We want God to do something until He does it to us.

ON TV/OUTLINE: "2b...Now Abel kept flocks, and Cain worked the soil. 3 In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to God. 4a But Abel brought fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock..." Genesis 4:2b, 3, 4a

ON TV/OUTLINE: "4b...The Lord looked with favor on Abel and his offering, 5a but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor..." Genesis 4:4b, 5a

ON TV/OUTLINE: "5b...So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast. 6 Then the Lord said to Cain, 'Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? 7 If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it." Genesis 4:5b, 6-7

ON TV/OUTLINE: "8 Now, Cain said to his brother Abel, 'Let's go out to the field. And while they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him. 9 Then the Lord said to Cain, 'Where is your brother Abel?' 'I don't know,' he replied. 'Am I my brother's keeper?'" Genesis 4:8-9

ON TV: This isn't my responsibility.

ON TV/OUTLINE: "The Lord said, 'What have you done?'..." Genesis 4:10a

ON TV: Because it's easier to **destroy** or to **tear down** the thing we're being judged against than it is to **pursue it**.

ON TV/OUTLINE: "10b '...Listen! Your brother's blood cries out to me from the ground. 11 Now you are under a curse and driven from the ground, which opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. 12 When you work the ground, it will no longer yield it's crops for you. You will be a restless wanderer on the earth." Genesis 4:10b-12

ON TV/OUTLINE: "13 Cain said to the Lord, 'My punishment is more than I can bear. 14 Today you are driving me from the land, and I will be hidden from your presence; I will be a restless wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me." 15 But the Lord said to him, 'Not so; if anyone kills Cain, he will suffer vengeance seven times over. Then the Lord put a mark on Cain so that no one who found him would kill him." Genesis 4:13-15

ON TV: It's the flood.

ON TV: #1 Jesus is God's Son, and our King.

ON TV/OUTLINE: "The father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgement to the Son..." John 5:22a

ON TV: #4: Jesus promises justice in the end and invites us to trust Him in the meantime.

ON TV: Will we trust Him for how to live out being a Christ Follower in a broken world so that things will go favorably for us and others?

ON TV/OUTLINE: "The thief comes only to steal and to kill and to destroy; I have come that they may have life and have it to the full." John 10:10

ON TV: We will not be rewarded for how well we judge other people.