

Message Based Questions – 10/7/18

Social Justice

There are some Christians who feel that social justice is a real threat to the sharing of the gospel. How do you feel about this? Is it a threat? If so how? If not, why? Explain your thoughts....

Concept of righteousness and justice in the bible. Look at these verse in the bible—the two concepts righteousness (right standing with God) and justice (making things right with others) go hand in hand:

Psalm 33:5

Psalm 97:2

Psalm 103:6

Amos 5:24

But if you look in the NT, typically the Greek word translated righteousness (*dikaiosyne*) is translated just righteousness but if you look at any Greek concordance or dictionary it also means justice. [Greek word 1343 in The Complete Word Study NT by Zodhiates.]

Look up these familiar passages and include the word justice after the word righteousness:

Matthew 6:33

Matthew 5:6

2 Corinthians 5:21

1 Peter 2:24

How does this potentially expand the meaning of living out the call of the Gospel?

Look up Micah 6:8

What does it mean to live justly?

What are some ways that you can choose to be involved in making things right that are wrong in our world? (Don't get so focused on the big stuff that you miss the stuff right in your own back yard!)

What might your small group do to alleviate suffering or injustice?

What can you do this week to be the Gospel towards someone?