

MORE: Stepping

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Stepping: Into the Misery & Margins

Stepping into the margins is more than awareness or advocacy, its about associating, sharing life, and rescuing those who have been ignored and victimized by this cruel world. We share love in practical ways and share the gospel boldly in order to heal the sick and set the captives free.

Definition of Justice

- Justice is the expression of God's righteousness through right action.
- Justice is restoring shalom (peace) where it is broken
- Shalom is the way things 'ought' to be between you and God, you and others, you and the earth and you internally

1. "Stepping is an outflow of Dying, Living, and Aligning"

John 4:3-6; Matthew 9:35-38

2. Stepping requires no more "But Firsts"

John 4:7-9

3. Stepping demands intentionally looking and resisting ignorance

4. Stepping disturbs our reputation and disrupts our alliances

John 4:10-12; John 8:48

5. Stepping is about works and words

John 4:13-14; John 7:37-39

6. Stepping is not just a humanitarian transaction but a Holy Spirit transformation

John 4: 15, 16-19

7. Stepping destroys shame and calls out destiny

John 4:20-26

8. Stepping leads to and reveals the heart of the Father

John 4:27-30, 39, 31-34

9. Stepping fulfills and satisfies your longing for MORE

John 4:35-41; Luke 4:18-19

QUESTIONS

1. Read Matthew 9:35-38. Is there something that is 'ripping at your gut' right now? If so, what is the action that God may be asking of you?
2. If you didn't have a 'but first' what would you do differently with your life? Is there a 'but first' that you need to lay down?
3. As you look at the need to step with both words and works, which of these do you need to increase in your life?
4. For which person/group of people do you need to ask God for an increase of His love?
5. In what area of your life are you feeling a need for Holy Spirit transformation?
6. Practice this: Call out Destiny over those in your group. Their gifts, their passions, the Holy Spirit fruit you see - declare those over each other!
7. What's holding you back?
8. *Take time to pray for each other. Pray that God would give you His eyes to see, His heart of love for one another! Ask God to reveal those things that are holding you back from stepping into the misery and margins just as Jesus did.*

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