





Righting Wrongs

There is a phrase that has come back to the forefront in the world around us, but especially in the church over the past few years. That phrase is "social justice." While I believe it is a good thing that we have begun discussing this idea, it does not often end well. I'm sure it brings up some kind of emotions in you. Maybe anger, sadness, excitement, passion, or confusion. It is a phrase that has been over politicized, twisted, misused, and misconstrued. Because of this phrase lives have been destroyed and the image of the church has been deeply tarnished.

This study is about social justice. It is about bringing this phrase back for the church. Also, reminding the church of our responsibilities in the world. I hope we can open up a discussion about the right way to live these things out in our world. When you think about social justice, the idea of taking what is broken, and wrong, and bring healing is a biblical idea. To simplify this study, I won't be using the term social justice. Instead I will be using the phrase "righting wrongs."

We are going to see throughout scripture that we are called as the church to right wrongs. We will look for people, places and systems that have been destroyed by sin and make them whole again. In scripture we will see how this plays out in the world we live in. We will finally put some concreteness to the idea of being God's hands and feet.

Having a proper understanding of righting wrongs is vital to the survival of the church. Not just for how people see our congregations, but for giving the people in our ministries a purpose to live for, someone to buy into, and something to strive for each day. We have to recapture the spirit, focus, and lifestyle that God intended for us to have.

There are many ways we could go about this study. Listed below is the direction we will be taking.

Lesson 1: The Gospel

Lesson 2: Identity Crisis

Lesson 3: Don't Be Afraid to Fail

Lesson 4: Right Words Wrong Actions

This study will not be easy. It may get ugly at times. Powerful emotions may arise at some point. Our hands will definitely get dirty, but if we do this right, our world will drastically be changed by the power of God moving through us.

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