



Sermon Notes: How Do I Do Justice & Mercy?

1. The God of Justice.

2. The Meaning of Justice.

a. Justice is to give people their due.

b. Types of justice.

1) Intervening justice.

2) Preventative justice.

3) Systemic justice.

3. The Mandate of Justice.

4. The Practice of Justice.

a. Pay attention to the needs around you.

b. Seek to discern the cause(s) of those needs.

c. Look to offer multiple levels of assistance.

5. The Heart of Justice.

- Jesus came to bear the negative side of justice so that you could receive only the positive side.



Gospel Applications: How Do I Do Justice & Mercy?

1. Who would you identify as the most vulnerable groups in our society today? Who is experiencing injustice, oppression, or calamity?
2. What is your attitude toward the vulnerable groups you listed in #1? Over the past year, what have you personally done to assist them?
3. When you see the people/groups you listed in #1, what do you tend to assume about how they got in those circumstances?
4. How would you answer someone who says social justice is a dangerous distraction to the church's real mission of preaching the gospel?
5. What are some differences between justice and charity? Why do you think we so easily confuse the two?
6. What would you say is the role of meeting people's "felt needs" in sharing the gospel?
7. What are some of the justice and mercy needs that intersect with your life right now? Are there a lot or very few? What does that say to you in and of itself?
8. Choose one of the needs you listed under #7. What basic needs is this person lacking? How could you practice intervening justice?
9. Going a step further than #8, what would preventative justice potentially look like in this instance? What kind of systemic justice might be necessary to prevent problems like this in the first place?
10. Practically, how does this discussion change the way you're going to do justice and mercy going forward? Give a concrete example of something you're going to change right away.