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Do Good



Key Scriptures

Luk 4:18-19 NASB "THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME, BECAUSE HE ANOINTED ME TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO THE POOR. HE HAS SENT ME TO PROCLAIM RELEASE TO THE CAPTIVES, AND RECOVERY OF SIGHT TO THE BLIND, TO SET FREE THOSE WHO ARE OPPRESSED, (19) TO PROCLAIM THE FAVORABLE YEAR OF THE LORD."

*Zec 7:9-10 NASB "Thus has the LORD of hosts said, 'Dispense true justice and practice kindness and compassion each to his brother; (10) **and** do not oppress the widow or the orphan, the stranger or the poor; and do not devise evil in your hearts against one another.'*

Zec 7:11-12 NASB "But they refused to pay attention and turned a stubborn shoulder and stopped their ears from hearing. (12) "They made their hearts like flint so that they could not hear the law and the words which the LORD of hosts had sent by His Spirit through the former prophets; therefore great wrath came from the LORD of hosts.

Mat 25:31-46 NASB "But when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. (32) "All the nations will be gathered before Him; and He will separate them from one another, as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats; (33) and He will put the sheep on His right, and the goats on the left. (38) 'And when did we see You a stranger, and invite You in, or naked, and clothe You? (39) 'When did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' (40) "The King will answer and say to them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me.' (41) "Then He will also say to those on His left, 'Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels; (42) for I was hungry, and you gave Me nothing to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me nothing to drink; (43) I was a stranger, and you did not invite Me in; naked, and you did not clothe Me; sick, and in prison, and you did not visit Me.' (44) "Then they themselves also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry, or thirsty, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not take care of You?' (45) "Then He will answer them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.' (46) "These will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

The Big Point:

Throughout the Bible God reveals that what we do matters. Jesus attributed his anointing in part to free oppressed people. And through the biblical narrative, **God expects his people to DO** things for widows, orphans, immigrants, and the poor. Jesus took it even further in Matthew 25 that those who don't, have actually neglected Him (with terrible consequences).

Talk to your groups about **meeting physically** in two Sundays. In your Life Group report, tell what the reaction was. How many people will meet in person.

Important points from the message:

- Viewing the word of God through a political lens is sin.
- God is just and justice matters to God.
- We need to value what God values?

Important quote:

- "If we view the Word by the Spirit, we will receive life."
- "If you want to encounter God, get involved in what He is doing."
- "The Spirit will empower us to do everything God has called us to do."

Questions that may get your group talking.

- Who are the current widows, orphans, immigrants, and poor? Who does God value in this time?
- Do you take the words of Jesus in Matt 25 literally? How do you think that affects your life?

Questions that may get your group thinking.

- What is God doing that you can get involved in?
- What would miracles of restoration look like to you?
- Why do we hold onto the law when grace is so much better?

Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- Commit to praying the Prayer of Saint Francis and look for ways to emulate the prayer.
- Pray that justice would be done in this generation.