If You Care You’ll Intervene (Nehemiah 5)
Sunday, November 4, 2018    AVBC  10:30 am

- Amnesty International    www.amnesty.org
- International Justice Mission    www.ijm.org

Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow. (Isaiah 1:17) (also Micah 6:8)

I. P_________________ (vs.1-5)
    • A___________________ (v.1)
    • R___________________ (vs. 2-4)
    • D___________________ (v.5)

II. P_________________ (vs. 6-13) (II Chron.16:9a)

    ➢ _____________ to the outcry of the oppressed. (v.6)
    ➢ Engage _______________ in the situation. (v.6)

There are six things the LORD hates—no, seven things he detests: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that kill the innocent, a heart that plots evil, feet that race to do wrong, a false witness who pours out lies, a person who sows discord among brothers. (Proverbs 6:16-18)

    ➢ ___________ __________ and think before you act. (v.7)
    ➢ _______________ the perpetrators. (v.7)

    ➢ _______________ the circle, if needed. (v.7)
    ➢ State the ________________ clearly. (vs.7-9)
        *You are ___________ God’s Word. (vs.7) (Deut. 15:7-8,10-11, Ex.22:25)
        *You are _______________ God’s people. (vs.8) (Lev. 25:35-38)
        *You are _______________ God’s name. (vs.9)
    ➢ State the ________________ clearly. (vs. 10-11)
    ➢ Hold people _______________. (v.12)

III. P_________________ (vs. 14-19) (II Chron.16:9a)

    ✔ Be ______________ not to carelessly spend other people’s money. (vs. 14-15,18)
    ✔ Be ______________ on projects that benefits the people instead of personal gain. (v.16)
    ✔ Be ______________ with what God has given you. (vs. 17-18)
    ✔ Be ________________ of your final evaluation.

DIGGING DEEPER
(For use in personal/family devotions or with your Care group)

Q1: Have you ever experienced a time of hopeless despair when it seemed like you were powerless? Did some sort of outside intervention change your situation? Explain.
Q2: Have you been involved in confronting injustice in some way? If so, how?
Q3: Read Matthew 25:31-46. What does this passage have to say about being involved in meeting the practical needs of people? If you were writing that passage for our world today, what real life examples of care would you include?
Q4: It could be argued that, in a fallen world, injustice is an unwinnable war. What are your thoughts on pursuing justice in an unjust world? Is it worthwhile? If so, why?
Q5: What do the following verses teach us about the impact of injustice on a community or nation? Proverbs 21:15; 24:23-25; 29:4 and Zechariah 7:8-14.
Q6: What might injustice look like in a church community today?
Q7: If you can, take some time to investigate a ministry called “Voice of the Martyrs” www.persecution.com    www.vomcanada.com    www.idop.ca    www.icommittopray.com
How might the Lord want you to be involved in supporting your brothers and sisters in Christ who are facing injustice and persecution?