Playing our Part 4

In Matthew 23:37, we get a glimpse into an aspect of Jesus’ heart that confronts us. He speaks over Jerusalem, almost like a mother would with her children, longing for them to be brought safely home.

God’s heart to care for people, especially those who are marginalized and suffering, is right through scripture. Micah 6:8 is not an optional add-on, it is an intrinsic priority of the kingdom.

From the Pentateuch’s mandates that the rescued people of God are to rescue others, to the Prophets call for justice, and onto Jesus’ mission statement in Luke 4 – we can see that God wants those who are low to be lifted-up. Justice is not just about judgment, it is about bringing all people to equal levels of value, and care.

You can’t just contribute in a second-hand way to mercy and mission – giving the church your offering and leaving it there. We should all be up close and personal with individuals in our broken world. We should know their name, look them in the eye, and wash their feet.

Who does God want you to reach a hand out to?

Is it your neighbor? Is it your workmate? Perhaps it is the refugee or homeless person in the next suburb. Could it be the children in It may even be those in another nation who cannot help themselves. You are Jesus hands and feet, go and do as He would be doing.

I want to be kept informed of initiatives for mercy and mission, please.

For Group Discussion:

1. How was your heart stirred by this message?
2. Share together your stories of how God has used you to lift up the oppressed and marginalized.
3. Is there anything you could do as a group to support each other in taking new steps in this area?

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