

July 12

“The Anti-Racist Samaritan”

Luke 10:25–37

Sermon:

The Samaritan doesn't just see a problem. He feels it.

The sin of the priest and Levite is not violence. It is the sin of indifference.

The Samaritan gets involved and becomes a healer.

He gets involved materially.

He gets involved physically.

He gets involved economically.

Most people in the Christian church see social or restorative justice as optional. We worship Jesus, go to church, pray and study our Bibles. Yet, Matthew 25 exposes and warns the potential hypocrite. The hypocrite is the one who does not tangibly care for the disadvantaged. Your attitude toward the disadvantaged is your attitude toward Jesus. Restorative justice is not the pathway to salvation. Compassionate restorative justice is the fruit of salvation. It's all lip service if my salvation does not translate into good deeds.

What is my attitude toward the disadvantaged?

Notice those in your pathway.