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What God Wants: Part 1

Following Jesus is more than repentance and acceptance. Although they are a critical first step as we begin the faith journey, but we are called to _____ our faith on a daily basis.

Jesus asked this question of the people in Luke 6:46, "Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord' and do not do what I say?"

Micah 6:1-8

What is good and required by God is that Christ-followers act justly.

"But he's already made it plain how to live, what to do, what God is looking for in men and women. It's quite simple: Do what is fair and just to your neighbor..." *Micah 6:8 The Message*

- God is just, and he loves justice. (*Psalm 33:5, 89:14*)
- Biblical justice involves making individuals, communities, and the cosmos _____ by upholding both goodness and impartiality.
- In actual practice, this means we deliver the downtrodden and the oppressed and focus upon what is _____ and relational.

What does it look like when we act justly?

1. We act as we take a stand and _____ injustice.
 - "Defend the cause of the weak and fatherless; maintain the rights of the poor and oppressed." *Psalm 82:3*
2. We act as we refuse to show _____ and treat everyone with fairness.
 - "If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, 'Love your neighbor as yourself' you are doing right. But if you show favoritism you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers." *James 2:8-9*
3. We act as we work for the good of the _____ and _____.
 - "To do what is right and just is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice." *Proverbs 21:3*
 - "Religion God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world." *James 1:27*

"Throughout history, it has been the inaction of those who could have acted; the indifference of those who should have known better; the silence of the voice of the just when it mattered most; that has made it possible for evil to triumph." —Halie Selassie

Answers: work out; whole; ethical; condemn; partiality; poor, oppressed

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