

## C. Commit Yourself To Living The Whole Gospel.

1. Make sure your worship includes/leads to Care for those who are Disadvantaged.

*'Why have we fasted,' they say, 'and you have not seen it? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you have not noticed?' "Yet on the day of your fasting, you do as you please and exploit all your workers.*

*"Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? 7 Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter-- when you see the naked, to clothe him, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood? 8 Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the LORD will be your rear guard."*  
Isaiah 58:3 and 6-8

2. Don't let your Wealth Possess you.

*"No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money."*  
Matthew 6:24

*"One of the most powerful reasons we don't totally surrender our lives to Christ is that we don't want to sacrifice the things we possess; they have begun to possess us."*

*"When we tithe, not out of obligation, but out of love and obedience for GOD, we are making the bold statement that money has no power over us."*  
Richard Stearns

3. Ask yourself, "Who is My Neighbor? What does GOD Expect of me?"

*He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.*

Micah 6:8

*This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. 17 If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? 18 Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.*  
1 John 3:16-18

**"Let my Heart be Broken by the Things That Break The Heart of GOD."**  
Bob Pierce

## The Whole Gospel For The Whole World

Luke 10:25-37

### A. Understand GOD's Heart/Plan For His World.

1. The whole gospel envisions the Ushering in of GOD's Kingdom, here and now as well as in the future in heaven.

*After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!"*  
Mark 1:14-15  
*your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.*  
Matthew 6:10

2. There is no whole gospel without Compassion and Justice shown to the less advantaged.

*"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, 19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."*  
Luke 4:18-19

3. The whole gospel means Societal Transformation.

*"We have, in fact, reduced the gospel to a mere transaction involving right beliefs rather than seeing in it the power to change the world."*

Richard Stearns

### B. Why Do We Avoid Truly Loving Our Neighbors?

1. It may be an Interruption.
2. It's often Messy.
3. It's sometimes Risky.
4. It's usually Costly.

## **Faith@Home**

Commit yourself to spending time with GOD and His Word on at least five days this week. Read the Bible passage(s) listed.

Ask GOD for understanding. Reflect on the verses you read and write down your answers to the question(s). Pray that GOD will guide you to walk in His Word.

### **Day One**

Read Matthew 22:34-40

1. What do you think it means to “Love the LORD your GOD with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind”? How do you do that in practical ways?

2. What does it mean to “Love your neighbor as yourself”?

3. What do you think verse 40 means?

4. How will you seek to obey these commands this week?

### **Day Two**

Read Isaiah 58

1. As you read verses 1-5, what do you sense the situation is that the prophet is addressing?

2. How is our worship/fasting to be related to our ministry to those who are hungry and hurting?

3. What is GOD telling you through this passage?

4. What would it be like to be a “well-watered garden” and a “Repairer of Broken Walls?”

### **Day Three**

Read Luke 16:19-31

1. How did the rich man treat the beggar?

2. What do you think was Jesus’ point in telling this story?

3. What is your takeaway from this passage?

### **Day Four**

Read Matthew 25:31-46

1. What is GOD saying to you through this parable?

2. Who is “one of the least of these brothers” in your life?

3. Is there one thing you will do today to live in obedience to GOD’s Word in this passage?

### **Day Five**

Read Psalm 20

1. What is GOD saying to you through this Psalm?

2. What does it mean to “trust in the name of the LORD our GOD” (verse 7)?

3. Pray for our Sunday worship gathering.