



SESSION 1: SHALOM - THE WORLD MADE BEAUTIFUL

“Re-weaving shalom means to sacrificially thread, lace, and press your time, goods, power, and resources into the lives and needs of others.

Timothy Keller

The fall of man has created a perpetual crisis. It will last until sin has been put down and Christ reigns over a redeemed and restored world. Until that time the earth remains a disaster area and its inhabitants live in a state of extraordinary emergency.

To me it has always been difficult to understand those evangelical Christians who insist upon living in the crisis as if no crisis existed.

A. W. Tozer

Christ is much more powerful to save than Adam was to destroy.

John Calvin ”

Books

- *What Is the Mission of the Church? Making Sense of Social Justice, Shalom, and the Great Commission* (Kevin DeYoung and Greg Gilbert)
- *Ministries of Mercy: The Call of the Jericho Road* (Timothy Keller)

Online

- *How Do Word and Deed Ministry Fit Together for a Church?*
gospelshapedchurch.org/resources511
- *How to Start a Mercy Ministry in your Church:*
gospelshapedchurch.org/resources512
- *The Gospel and the Poor:* gospelshapedchurch.org/resources513
- *Mercy Ministry:* gospelshapedchurch.org/resources514
- *If Christ Predicted War, May Christians Pray for Peace?*
gospelshapedchurch.org/resources515
- *What's Universal and Particular, Already and Not Yet?*
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- *The Power of the Gospel's 'Already' and 'Not Yet' for Right Now:*
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SESSION 2: JUSTICE - WRONGS MADE RIGHT



Contrary to popular opinion, with God there is no such thing as mere forgiveness. There is only justice.

Jerry Bridges

If a person has grasped the meaning of God's grace in his heart, he will do justice. If he doesn't live justly, then he may say with his lips that he is grateful for God's grace, but in his heart he is far from him ...

Grace should make you just.

Timothy Keller

Even if I am a model of personal righteousness, that does not excuse my participation in social evil. The man who is faithful to his wife while he exercises bigotry toward his neighbor is no better than the adulterer who crusades for social justice. What God requires is justice both personal and social.

R. C. Sproul



Books

- *Urban Ministry: The Kingdom, the City & the People of God* (Harvie Conn and Manuel Ortiz)
- *To Live in Peace: Biblical Faith and the Changing Inner City* (Mark Gornik)
- *Generous Justice: How God's Grace Makes Us Just* (Timothy Keller)
- *God's Love Compels Us*, chapter 7 "Jesus and Justice" (Stephen Um)

Online

- *Nothing Less Than Justice*: gospelshapedchurch.org/resources521
- *Why All Christians Must Seek Public Justice*: gospelshapedchurch.org/resources522
- *How Should We Talk About Justice and the Gospel?* gospelshapedchurch.org/resources523
- *Generous Justice (video)*: gospelshapedchurch.org/resources524
- *Are You Sure You Want God's Justice?* gospelshapedchurch.org/resources525



SESSION 3: LOVE - THE HEART OF COMPASSION

Biblical orthodoxy without compassion is surely the ugliest thing in the world.

Francis Schaeffer

If your heart is full of love, it will find vent; you will find or make ways enough to express your love in deeds. When a fountain abounds in water it will send forth streams.

Jonathan Edwards

One sin leads to another. Failure in our love to God always results in failure in our love to our neighbor.

A. W. Pink

Books

- *The Difficult Doctrine of the Love of God* (D. A. Carson)
- *God's Love: How the Infinite God Cares for His Children* (R. C. Sproul)
- *Gospel Centered Church: Becoming the Community God Wants You to Be* (Steve Timmis and Tim Chester)

Online

- *The Love That is Neither Easy Nor Natural:*
gospelshapedchurch.org/resources531
- *We Need to Be Careful, but We Also Need to Care:*
gospelshapedchurch.org/resources532
- *If We Love God Most, We Will Love Others Best:*
gospelshapedchurch.org/resources533
- *It's Not Enough to Care About "The Poor":*
gospelshapedchurch.org/resources534
- *Sacrificial Love Is the Key to the Christian Life:*
gospelshapedchurch.org/resources535



SESSION 4: MERCY - HEARTS MADE SOFT



*God's mercy makes my faith;
and my faith, my love,
and my love, my works.*

William Tyndale

Mercy is something we extend, not just something we intend.

George Grant

Yes, our deeds of mercy are a platform to help people believe the gospel, but that is not the primary reason for mercy. Mercy is ultimately a natural expression from those who already believe the gospel.

Randy Smith



Books

- *Good News to the Poor: Social Involvement and the Gospel* (Tim Chester)
- *Church in Hard Places: How the Local Church Brings Life to the Poor and Needy* (Mez McConnell and Mike McKinley)
- *Ministries of Mercy: The Call of the Jericho Road* (Timothy Keller)

Online

- The One Who Showed Mercy: gospelshapedchurch.org/resources541
- 5 Ways to Help the "Least of These" in the Church: gospelshapedchurch.org/resources542
- Scary Mercy: gospelshapedchurch.org/resources543
- A Conversation: Tim Keller, John Piper, D.A. Carson – Ministries of Mercy (video): gospelshapedchurch.org/resources544
- How Do You Reconcile God's Justice with His Mercy? gospelshapedchurch.org/resources545
- Thinking Through Your Church's Mercy Ministry gospelshapedchurch.org/resources546
- How to Start and Persevere with Inner-City Ministry gospelshapedchurch.org/resources547



SESSION 5: GENEROSITY - STEWARDSHIP GOD'S MONEY

You can always give without loving, but you can never love without giving.

Amy Carmichael

If you have money, power, and status today, it is due to the century and place in which you were born, to your talents and capacities and health, none of which you earned. In short, all your resources are in the end the gift of God.

Tim Keller

If our charities do not at all pinch or hamper us, I should say they are too small. There ought to be things we should like to do and cannot do because our charitable expenditure excludes them.

C. S. Lewis

Books

- *His Mission: Jesus in the Gospel of Luke, chapter 6 "Jesus and Money"* (Stephen Um)
- *Sex and Money* (Paul David Tripp)
- *Health, Wealth & Happiness: Has the Prosperity Gospel Overshadowed the Gospel of Christ?* (David W. Jones and Russell S. Woodbridge)
- *Living in the Light: Money, Sex and Power* (John Piper)
- *Money Counts* (Graham Beynon)
- *James For You* (Sam Allberry)

Online

- *Obligation, Stewardship, and the Poor:* gospelshapedchurch.org/resources551
- *9 Marks of a Generous Giver:* gospelshapedchurch.org/resources552
- *How the Gospel Makes Us Generous and Content with Our Money:* gospelshapedchurch.org/resources553
- *Generosity (Theology Refresh: Podcast for Christian Leaders)* (video): gospelshapedchurch.org/resources554
- *How to Identify and Redeem Your "Money Motivators":* gospelshapedchurch.org/resources555



SESSION 6: RECONCILIATION - RELATIONSHIPS HEALED

“ God did not wait for a change of heart on our part. He made the first move. Indeed, he did more than that. He did all that was necessary to secure our reconciliation, including our change of heart.

Jerry Bridges

The gospel being what it is and always will be ... our churches should be the most reconciling, peaceable, relaxed, happy places in town. We are so open to enemies, so meek in the face of insults and injuries, so forgiving toward the undeserving—if we do make people angry, let this be the reason. We refuse to join in their selfish battles. We're following a higher call. We are the peacemakers, the true sons of God.

Ray Ortland

He that is not a son of peace is not a son of God. All other sins destroy the church consequentially; but division and separation demolish it directly.”

Richard Baxter

Books

- *The Peacemaker: A Biblical Guide to Resolving Personal Conflict* (Ken Sande)
- *Resolving Everyday Conflict* (Ken Sande and Kevin Johnson)
- *The Peacemaking Pastor: A Biblical Guide to Resolving Church Conflict* (Alfred Poirier)

Online

- *How to Move from Forgiveness to Reconciliation:*
gospelshapedchurch.org/resources561
- *That Part of Gospel-Centeredness We Avoid:*
gospelshapedchurch.org/resources562
- *Four Things It's Okay to Say When You're Hurt:*
gospelshapedchurch.org/resources563
- *Must We Forgive Those Who Sin Against Us If They Don't Repent?* (video)
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SESSION 7: DIVERSITY - COMMUNITY ENRICHED

“When the gospel enables us to live in love, even though we may have nothing else in common save Christ, it is a testimony to its power to transform a group of sinful, self-centered people into a loving community united by a common relationship with Jesus Christ.

Mark Dever

The bloodline of Jesus Christ is deeper than the bloodlines of race. The death and resurrection of the Son of God for sinners is the only sufficient power to bring the bloodlines of race into the single bloodline of the cross.

John Piper

If [God] doesn't show partiality, neither should we ... There is richness in knowing—really knowing—someone who is different than you.”

Trillia J. Newbell

Books

- *Bloodlines: Race, Cross, and the Christian* (John Piper)
- *Under Our Skin* (Benjamin Watson)
- *One New Man: The Cross and Racial Reconciliation in Pauline Theology* (Jarvis Williams)
- *Disunity in Christ: Uncovering the Hidden Forces that Keep Us Apart* (Christena Cleveland)
- *Strong and Weak* (Andy Crouch)

Online

- *Don't Like Diversity? You'll Hate Heaven*: gospelshapedchurch.org/resources571
- *Racial Diversity and Our "Third Race"*: gospelshapedchurch.org/resources572
- *Racial Reconciliation, the Gospel, and the Church*: gospelshapedchurch.org/resources573
- *Must Every Church Be Multi-Ethnic?* (Video) gospelshapedchurch.org/resources574
- *Black and White Is Not a Black-and-White Issue*: gospelshapedchurch.org/resources575
- *Why Racial Reconciliation Is a Gospel Issue*: gospelshapedchurch.org/resources576