

## ***Lies We Believe: It's not my problem?***

### *Various Texts*

#### ***The Claim: "It is not my problem."***

- Underlying premise: If something doesn't directly affect us, we do not need to concern ourselves with it
  - Talking specifically about issues of Social Justice

#### ***Scripture's Truth***

- God is concerned with those who have no voice (Isa 5:16; Ps. 68:5)
  - The OT Prophets often focus on God's judgment against those who oppress others (see Isa. 58:6; Eze. 22:29; Hos. 5:11)
- He calls His people to do the same (Jas 1:27)

#### ***A Voice for the Voiceless***

- Jesus is our model for looking out for the voiceless (Mat 25:40)
- The parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:30-37)
  - "But he, desiring to *justify* himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"" (Luke 10:29)

#### ***Righteous Anger***

- Jesus also shows us that anger is sometimes the right response to injustice (Matt. 21:12-13)
- Even though that was not His response when injustice happened to Him (Isa 53:7)
- And He tells us to forgive those who show us injustice (Luke 6:27-31)

#### ***What Can We Do?***

- Pray for God to move in people's hearts, starting with ours
- Ask for opportunities to get involved
- Don't turn a blind eye to injustice against others
  - Speak out in Christ's love

**Meditation Verse: Micah 6:8**