

Reaching the Lost by Doing Justice II

Have you ever been in a season or condition so long you just felt lost and didn't know what to do? Have you ever been lost because nothing has gotten better? Have you ever been blamed for your condition? Have people ever blamed your parents for your condition? Have you ever been the object of the blame game?

Consider **Matthew 13:44** and **John 9:1-7**

Some treasure is lost in the field and buried over time.

Some treasure is lost because of what people **think** about it.

The disciples were in the darkness of ignorance.

The blame game is still around today.

To blame means to find fault with. To blame means to hold someone responsible for something. To blame means to place responsibility for something on someone.

Popular thoughts of that day were...

- Reincarnation **Matthew 16:13-14**
- The law of heredity **Exodus 20:5** and **Ezekiel 18:19-23**
- The child could sin in the womb **Genesis 28:22**

I

Jesus wants us to work to alleviate the pain in the community. **Vs 4**

It's painful to return to the community after serving time and then discover you are unemployable.

It is painful to have fingers pointed at you reminding you of your past.

- We must work to distance people from their past.

II

Jesus wants us to help people wash away the **stigma** of the **past**.

This man was sent to the Pool of Siloam.

The community believe God had sent water, refreshing and life to the community.

Siloam was a created pool from a tunnel that ran from the Gihon spring into the city so the enemy could not stop up the water flow into the city.

^{NKJ} **2 Chronicles 32:30** This same Hezekiah also stopped the water outlet of Upper Gihon, and brought the water by tunnel to the west side of the City of David. Hezekiah prospered in all his works.

There are enemies that want to stop the flow of life for the community.

- We need workers to keep the streams of resource, vision and life open.

III

Jesus wanted this man's life **changed**.

The man was ready for a change from the status quo.

The man was not like Naaman the Syrian. **2 Kings 5:10**

The blind beggar is all of us and we need Jesus in the community.

The man was **submissive**, **obedient** and went and came seeing.

- We need workers to restore vision and new hope to the community.

We need everyone! Everyone can do this work! Let's do the work of justice!

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