

## Reaching the Lost by Doing Justice V

Consider *John 9:35-41*

*NKJ* **John 9:35** Jesus heard that they had **cast him out**; and when He had found him, He said to him, "Do you believe in the **Son of God**?" <sup>36</sup> He answered and said, "Who is He, **Lord**, that I may believe in Him?" <sup>37</sup> And Jesus said to him, "**You have both seen Him and it is He who is talking with you.**" <sup>38</sup> Then he said, "**Lord, I believe!**" And he worshiped Him. <sup>39</sup> And Jesus said, "**For judgment I have come into this world**, that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may be made blind." <sup>40</sup> Then *some* of the **Pharisees** who were with Him heard these words, and said to Him, "**Are we blind also?**" <sup>41</sup> Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you say, 'We see.' Therefore, your sin remains.

The man born blind was casted out of the gathering.

Jesus approaches the man after he is labelled as a "throw-a-way". *Vs 35*

Every person has worth and value.

Every person is precious and costly.

Every person is treasure.

- ❖ There are no throw-a-ways with Jesus.
- ❖ Hurting people matter to God.

### I

When a person's condition is changed, they see Jesus differently.

First, He is a man. *Vs 11*

Second, He is a prophet. *Vs 17*

Third, He is Lord. *Vs 38*

When vision is restored to the community, people see Jesus more clearly.

### II

The man could see Him after his condition was changed. *Vs 37*

The man talked to Him after his condition was changed. *Vs 37*

The man worshipped Him after his condition was changed. *Vs 38*

- ❖ He was reached, because someone changed his condition.

When we don't throw away people we have opportunity to reach them.

### III

Jesus' final encounter was an exchange with Pharisees. *Vs 40*

Some community leaders believe they see, know and are insightful.

Some community leaders don't admit they have blind spots.

Some community leaders never admit they are blind.

Consider *Matthew 23:16-28* \*\*\* video

Jesus came into the world for righteous judgement. *Vs John 9:39*

- ❖ Jesus came into the world for just judgment.

*NKJ* **Matthew 23:23** "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you pay tithes of mint and anise and cummin, and **have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faith.** These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone.

- ❖ *Justice, mercy and faithfulness are part of community witness.*

## Nehemiah Action

**The Celeste Center - Ohio State Fairgrounds**

**Monday, May 1, 2017**

*Rhema Christian Center*

*Dr. La Fayette Scales, Apostle*

*Saturday & Sunday, April 29 & 30, 2017*