

We have a responsibility – a calling – to help. Let's make time for those in need.

If injustice is the evil of our day then let us not wait to act; people need help now!

- Church – do not be silent or still when there's so much unrest everywhere.
- Church – children of God do not ignore those who are blind, hurting, alone.
- We have countless examples from the life of Jesus that this is our calling.
- The righteous – help the least (Matt. 25:35-36)
- The good Samaritan – risks makes a difference (Luke 10:25-37)
- The lost matter – whether it be sheep, coins, or children (Luke 15:1-7)
- Certainly we would not ignore those in need, but how far would you go to help? How much time would you give toward making a difference?
- Yes there are many needs today, but the greatest difference occurs when we repent of our ways & we follow Christ's example. In other words we begin to help everyone live a life free of hate & full of love. We accept each other and we help each other - we listen to and we encourage one another.

TEXT: **John 10: 11** "I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd sacrifices his life for the sheep." 1 Peter 4:10 – all of God's people are called to ministry

What is your plan to show the world the love of Jesus?

1. Get Involved with those facing something difficult

- Q: If you were to look at life as a field of opportunity and you are God's care taker – then, how would you define your most important responsibility?

2. Be part of the solution that helps others to know the love of Christ Jesus

- Since Jesus is the answer to all of our problems. We must identify (name) the groups of people we are called to help, and then we are to listen to the questions being asked and help those in need to find the answer in Jesus.

A. What steps must I take?

- Recognize and respond to His call for us to help those in need
- Focus on a specific group/groups of people
- Invest in the lives of others - Walk with them on a regular basis so they would not just hear about Christ Jesus, but actually begin to see and follow Him as well.
- Show them they matter to God. Show them God's love is real!
- Work, with others, to make a difference & help people celebrate life.