

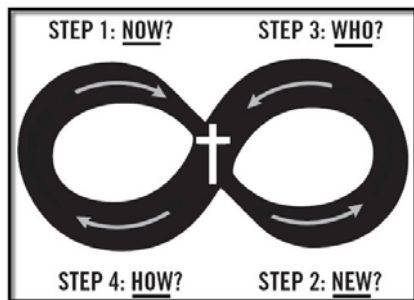
Deep Justice in a Broken World

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What are you already doing to bring God's justice?

The mission of Fuller Seminary's Center for Youth and Family Ministry is to translate research into resources that transform youth and family ministry.

FOUR STEP DEEP DESIGN



STEP ONE: NOW?

Goal: to discern God's current transformation.

"The first job of a leader is to define _____." Max De Pree

"An unexamined life is not worth living." Socrates

The world is broken...



Perhaps most alarming is that all of this is happening in a world in which 2.1 billion of us, or 33% of the world's population, claim to follow Christ.

“The church should consist of communities of loving defiance. Instead it consists largely of comfortable clubs of conformity.” Ronald J. Sider, *Rich Christians in an Age of Hunger*

The good news:

The bad news:

Our justice work is not impacting those we serve like we would guess.

Kurt Ver Beek’s research after Hurricane Mitch in 1998...



My own small group experience at Christmas...

Our justice work is not impacting our kids like we would guess.

Kurt Ver Beek’s research: we’re not giving financially like we think we are.

If we send them, will they grow?

No real growth in _____.

No reduction in _____.



Is our justice work **NOW** some sort of _____?

STEP TWO: NEW?

Goal: to reflect upon New _____.

Pull from 4 sources:

What is the difference between justice and service?

Justice = _____.

Justice is a theme of Scripture.

Beyond _____ to the _____.

Both _____ and _____.

Understanding *Shalom* – more than a subjective sense of peace or merely the absence of conflict...

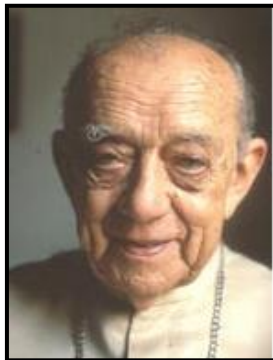
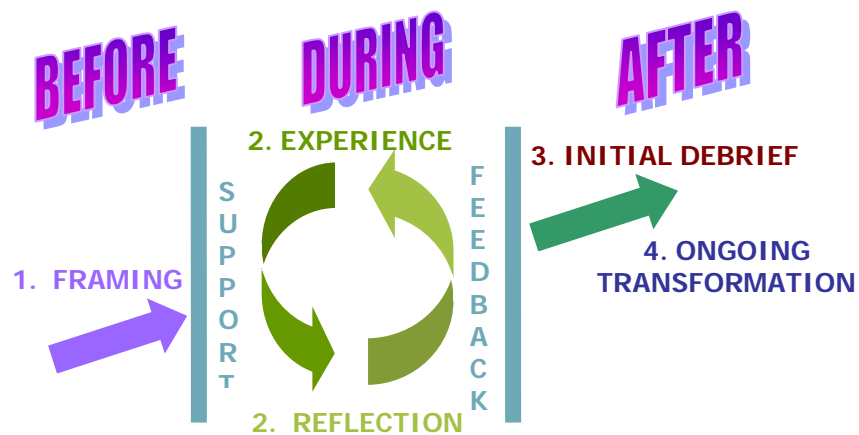
“The state of shalom is the state of flourishing in all dimensions of one’s existence: in one’s relation to God, in one’s relation to one’s fellow human beings, in one’s relation to nature, and in one’s relation to oneself. Evidently justice has something to do with the fact that God’s love for each and every one of God’s human creatures takes the form of God desiring the shalom of each and every one.” Nicholas Wolterstorff

Understanding *Dikaiosune* – more than a “to do” list of righteousness. It also means God’s justice.

Matthew 5:6 and 6:33

NOT-SO-DEEP SERVICE	DEEP JUSTICE
Great “white” (or brown or black) “Savior” who rescues.	God rescues, but He works through His diverse community.
Service dehumanizes those who “_____.”	Justice restores human dignity so that both _____.
Service is something we do _____ others.	Justice is something we do _____ others.
Service is an event.	Justice is a lifestyle.
Service expects results _____.	Justice hopes for results soon but recognizes that systemic change _____.
The goal of service is to _____.	The goal of justice is to _____ so that others can help themselves.
Service focuses on what our own ministry can accomplish.	Justice focuses on how we can work with other ministries to accomplish more.
Service is serving food at the local homeless shelter.	Justice asks _____ people are hungry, and then does something about it.

LINHART'S VERSION OF JOPLIN'S MODEL



Helder Camara, Brazilian Roman Catholic Archbishop:
"When I feed the poor, they call me a saint. When I ask *why* the poor are poor, they call me a communist."

STEP THREE: WHO?

Goal: to observe others who are already going deeper.

YOU WILL NEVER FOLLOW THEIR EXAMPLE _____ !

STEP FOUR: HOW?

Goal: to apply information from steps 1-3.

1 question: given all this, how can we go deeper?

What struck you? Something from Now? New? Who?

3 Types of Responses:

“On the one hand we are called to play the Good Samaritan on life's roadside; but that will be only an initial act. One day we must come to see that the whole Jericho road must be transformed so that men and women will not be constantly beaten and robbed as they make their journey on life's highway. True compassion is more than flinging a coin to a beggar; it is not haphazard and superficial. It comes to see that an edifice which produces beggars needs restructuring.” Martin Luther King Jr., a speech delivered on April 4, 1967.

