



3-Hands that Shed Innocent Blood

Micah 6:8 & 1 Samuel 26:8-12

1. What insight, principle or observation from this week's message did you find to be most helpful, eye opening or troubling? Please explain.
2. What happens within you when you hear (or see) the innocent being hurt?
3. Alvin mentioned a big reason the innocent are hurt, or a reason we sometimes hurt others (innocent or not) is because of advantage. We either want an advantage, or someone or a circumstance of life left us disadvantaged and we respond by hurting others. Do you think this is true? Explain. Why is it really important to watch ourselves (in the way we treat others) when we ourselves are hurt?
4. We may not see ourselves as those who would hurt others, but in what ways have you hurt others because you wanted an advantage or you felt disadvantaged (angry) and hurt someone close to you that was innocent just because of your anger at life or someone else?
5. Read 1 Samuel 26:8-12. David could have shed blood, the blood of Saul (who was not innocent) but chose not to. Why? Why is it really tricky and difficult to remain objective when seeking personal justice?
6. Read Micah 6:8. How does this verse keep us from hurting the innocent? How does this challenge us in our personal lives of desiring justice for ourselves?
7. Re-read 1 Samuel 26:8-12. How did David Act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly, in this circumstance? How might that challenge you as you look to live this way in your personal interactions, even when you are left hurt by life and others?
8. What would it look like for you to help others and fight for their justice, to be a voice for those who have no power or voice? Think of your life close (family, friends, workplace, school community) and far (county, province, country, world). How and in which ways are you challenged to get involved in helping others near and/or far?
9. Pray for each other.