

the Venues

Go Deep

Motown Message

What's Goin' On?

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What was a dark time in your life that made you ask, "What's going on?"

What current events make you ask "What's going on?"

Bob Pierce, founder of World Vision, had the following verses written in the flyleaf of his Bible: Ezekiel 45:9; Psalm 82:3; Isaiah 1:17; Zechariah 7:9

What is the common theme of these verses?

1. What are we doing with what's going on?

Bob Pierce started World Vision in response to what was going on in Korea during the war. That's quite a response!! *How about us? What is something we can do in response to what's going on?*

2. Justice is what love looks like in public.

Take a look at Isaiah 58:1-12.

What seems to be the problem recorded in this passage?

How can people eager to follow God miss it so badly?

*What was the "rebellion" (vs. 2) of the people?
Make two lists:*

One of their sins:

And one of what God desires of them:

Which item on the lists surprises you?

Which item on the lists convicts you?

3. The heart of justice is shalom.

Read Psalm 122:6-9

What words in this passage describe David's desire?

“Shalom” a Hebrew word translated “peace” means: **wholeness, put together, the way things ought to be, well-being**

What's broken in your world? What's broken in the world?

Read Matthew 5:9

In light of the definition of “shalom”, what are we, as peacemakers, called to do?

Mother Teresa said, “If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to one another.”

How do our views of people help or hurt in our job as peacemakers?

4. The way to justice is Jesus.

How did Jesus bring justice?

Read [“Random Thought from the Rev.”](#) for this week. *How would people describe the God we worship based on how we live and how we relate to others?*

What will you do this week to bring justice and shalom to our community?