



**Being Disciples of Jesus
in Charity, Justice, and Prophecy
Why Simply Being Good-hearted is not Enough**

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Sessions ...

1. **Monday AM** - What is Social Justice and its distinctiveness from Charity
2. **Monday Afternoon** – The Place of Social Justice with Christian Spirituality as a whole
3. **Monday Evening** – Some Principles from Scripture and Church Teachings

1. **Tuesday AM** – Justice and the Ecological Crisis
2. **Tuesday Evening** – One major social justice issue – *The Inequality of Women*

1. **Wednesday AM** – One major social justice issue – *Justice and End of Life Issues*
(*Monsignor Jerry McCarthy*)
2. **Wednesday PM** – One major social justice issue – *Justice and Abortion*

1. **Thursday AM** – Ten Principles for Christian Prophecy
2. **Thursday PM** – Quiet Prophecy



Monday AM -

What is Social Justice and its distinctiveness from Charity

- *“The glory of God is the poor person fully alive!” - Gustavo Gutierrez*
- *“The poor are those who don’t have the right to have rights!” Gustavo Gutierrez*
- *“Any preaching that is not good news for the poor is not the gospel of Jesus Christ”
– Jim Wallis*
- *“Peace will not be won without the moral equivalent of the loss and suffering and separation that war itself is exacting.” – Daniel Berrigan*





Monday AM -

What is Social Justice and its distinctiveness from Charity

What is social justice? A key distinction

- A story – “Looking up the river”
- A distinction between “charity” and “justice”
- “Charity” responds to the immediate wound (often because some injustice has been dealt a person).
- “Justice” tries to get to and un-root the cause the wound.
- Why being individually “good-hearted” is not enough
- Justice therefore tries to deal with unjust structures – it works for “systemic change”



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1. Major Social Justice Issues

- Issues to do with poverty, unjust economic systems, unjust wages, racism, abortion, sexism, the ecology, climate change, immigration, refugees, historical seizure of lands and culture, human trafficking, access to health care and education, among others.
- Their interconnectedness - Concern for one issue demands concern for all these issues.



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2. Some Key Figures and Authors

- Dorothy Day
- Gustavo Gutierrez
- Jim Wallis
- Pope Francis
- Pope John Paul II
- Daniel Berrigan
- Bryan Hehir
- Bryan Stevenson
- William Stringfellow
- Bishop Tutu
- Allan Boesak
- Dennis Hurley
- Larry Rosebaugh.
- John Dear
- Jim Forest

