

# MERCY & JUSTICE 3: RESOURCES

## ARTICLES

- *'There Is No Future Without Repentance'* – Lisa Sharon Harper  
Lisa Sharon Harper reflects on her visit to South Africa through a Jesus-lens.

<https://sojo.net/articles/faith-action/there-no-future-without-repentance>

- *'When the elephant in the room is a bicycle'* – David Meldrum  
Why restitution – a helpful metaphor.

<https://davidmeldrum.wordpress.com/2012/10/26/365/>

- *'Racism: Why Whites Have Trouble "Getting It"'* - Greg Boyd  
Exploring some of the blind spots we have when it comes to racism, in the context of Jesus dying on the cross in order to tear down the walls of hostility between people.

<http://www.evangelicalsforsocialaction.org/race-justice/racism-why-whites-have-trouble-getting-it/>

- *'White Christians need to act more Christian than white'* - Jim Wallis  
"We've failed to realize the "beloved community" envisioned by Martin Luther King Jr. and defined by Paul in his letter to the Galatians (3:28): "There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus." Too many Americans — particularly Christian Americans of my own generation — continue to worship at the altar of whiteness, defining themselves by their status as members of a temporary and illusory racial majority." Also applicable to South Africa.

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/posteverything/wp/2016/01/15/white-christians-need-to-act-more-christian-than-white/?postshare=4521452924333595&tid=ss\\_mail&utm\\_term=.bc300266ec2Z](https://www.washingtonpost.com/posteverything/wp/2016/01/15/white-christians-need-to-act-more-christian-than-white/?postshare=4521452924333595&tid=ss_mail&utm_term=.bc300266ec2Z)

- *‘Richard Rohr on White Privilege’ – Ronal Tune*

"I've had conversations with white religious leaders about race and white privilege before but never with a contemplative Franciscan. Father Rohr expressed a desire to continue the dialogue after our visit and that's when I thought it would be a good idea to share his answers to a few questions. Here is a very brief bio on Richard Rohr followed by our conversation on white privilege."

<http://www.huffingtonpost.com/romal-tune/richard-rohr-on-white-privilege-8985742.html>

- *“‘I’ll pay back the money” – Z’ – Wendy Lewin*

There has been a lot written lately about privilege, power structures and wealth, but I am not sure (maybe I have missed it) whether there has been much on social media for Christians specifically and how and why we can approach the topic of restitution through the lens of our faith.

<https://fromtheouterlimb.wordpress.com/2015/05/30/ill-pay-back-the-money-z/>

- *‘An audacious hope for a road less travelled.’ – Craig Stewart*

"21 years ago, led by the audacious hope of Archbishop Tutu and others, we put to death the law of apartheid and celebrated the birth of what we hoped was a new nation, a nation that had taken the road less travelled in breaking down white domination, which has caused so much black pain over the past centuries. But we have found that the spirit of apartheid has been much harder to put to death than its laws. The spirit of apartheid is like the mould in my bathroom that keeps coming back in different forms over and over again. This continues to sustain systems of white privilege and reveals itself through the inequalities in health, education, housing and employment. 21 years later, the struggle to take this road less travelled requires courage, sacrifice and leadership equal to or perhaps more than that which was required in leading us to addressing the law.

<https://medium.com/@craigdstewart/an-audacious-hope-for-a-road-less-travelled-d4f59b624b0a>

- *‘South Africa’s uncelebrated Pentecost’ - Alan Storey*

The three miracles of Pentecost are sorely needed by South Africa. Communication, poverty alleviation and the successful integration of a diverse community – miracles indeed, seeming impossible until they are achieved.

<https://www.dailymaverick.co.za/opinionista/2015-05-26-south-africas-uncelebrated-pentecost/#.WQxmqFUrLIW>

- *‘As We Remember MLK’ - ReKnew*

Challenging reflection on Martin Luther King "He wrote the letter to leaders of the white churches in Birmingham in response to their public criticism of the civil disobedience that resulted in his arrest. It's discouraging how relevant his thoughts are to current events involving racial justice. What would happen if we all took his words to heart?"

<http://reknew.org/2016/01/12004/>

- *‘How to be last: A practical theology for privileged people’ - Christina Cleveland*

“The most effective justice and equity work in history has been led by the marginalized (see: South African Anti-Apartheid Movement, American Civil Rights Movement, etc.). Justice and equity work should be led by the marginalized — by those who have firsthand knowledge of the unjust systems that are in need of dismantling. If the marginalized lead, then the role that privileged people play is a supportive one. However, when privileged people are invited to play a supportive role in justice and equity work, they often feel disoriented, marginalized and role-less. Since they're not “leading”, they don't know what to do....”

<http://www.christenacleveland.com/blog/2016/12/new-series-how-to-be-last-a-practical-theology-for-privileged-people>

## S E R M O N S

- [http://www.christ-church.org.za/Media/Player.aspx?media\\_id=1000057816&file\\_id=1000062432](http://www.christ-church.org.za/Media/Player.aspx?media_id=1000057816&file_id=1000062432)

A sermon confronting privilege and social division. Explores the implications of really believing that God has created all people equal.

- <https://soundcloud.com/warehouse-trust/white-privilegemp3> - ‘White Privilege’

A gentle message with the aim to introduce a congregation to the concept of White Privilege and Restitution.

- <https://whchurch.org/sermons-media/sermon/through-samaria>

This sermon explores the story of the woman at the well that Jesus encountered while traveling through Samaria and how he dives right in to the gender and racial tensions of the first century Jewish culture. Very applicable to South Africa.

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9OqBKkCG6qE>

Recommended for anyone wanting to learn about power, privilege etc. and who has it -- to go through this helpful and engaging process with Reverend Alan Storey.

- <https://vimeo.com/174665171>

How the Gospel Turns Racial Apathy Into Empathy

## VIDEOS

- <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLMdAAS-tfC9O4BGiZ5brrRZpRnoh23Vor>

The Justice Conference SA 2017 Full list of videos on YouTube

- [http://www.thejusticeconference.co.za/conference\\_resources/?y=2017](http://www.thejusticeconference.co.za/conference_resources/?y=2017)

The Justice Conference SA 2017 Videos as found on website

## EXPLORE INITIATIVES

- <http://justchurch.co.za/>

An initiative from Common Ground Church “Our hope is that a growing number of congregants will begin to individually and collectively live out justice – creating a groundswell of positive change in our society.” Good resources and teaching on this website around Homelessness and Living wage.

- <http://www.warehouse.org.za/index.php>

Explore The Warehouse’s website with a summary of good things to read and view here:

<http://www.warehouse.org.za/index.php/site/overview/C9>

- <http://restitution.org.za/>

Explore The Restitution Foundation’s website too. In particular there is a toolkit to explore the meaning of restitution and the components there of too.