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Sunday, October 18, 2009

“THE HOLE IN OUR GOSPEL”

(Luke 10:25-37)

We are going to visit some uncomfortable themes today. In our current series we have talked about difficult topics relating to defending the faith. In our nation today, it may be that we would be defending our faith less if we lived it more faithfully and boldly in our world. Are we willing to really live out the faith we proclaim? Why would a spiritually lost world embrace a gospel with a hole in it?

“But someone will say, ‘You have faith; I have deeds.’ Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by what I do” (James 2:18, NIV).

“Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to him, ‘Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed,’ but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead” (James 2:15-17, NIV).

“Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’ The King will reply, ‘I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me’” (Matthew 25:34-40, NIV).

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(Richard Stearns)

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VIDEO – “Precious in His Sight” – 3:58 (World Vision)

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