

Exposing Enemies Within the Church: A 7-Session Bible Study Series
Session 7: Social Justice: A Counterfeit Gospel: Part 2

Note: This one-page teaching plan is a summary; a leader's preparation should include studying all the material provided.

Bringing the session into focus: One's view of humanity will profoundly shape that person's recommendations for solving the world's problems. This is true of movements as well as people. A "gospel" that incorrectly diagnoses core problems will offer "solutions" that only will make matters worse; it *can't* offer a real remedy to address the world's ills. Does the social justice movement have an accurate assessment of humanity — or does Scripture? Examinations of both gospels and of the observable realities we encounter in our everyday lives answer this question adequately and satisfactorily. The answers are clear. The truth is available to all who are willing to see it. You can access special resources for this Bible study session at <https://www.discoverbedrocktruth.org/00s7-resources-ewtcbs/>.

1. Share and discuss the quote by Vance Havner at the top of the extended teaching plan for this session. Satan, he said, is not fighting churches but joining them and doing his work from the inside.
2. Contrast Martin Luther King's dream of a world where his children are judged, "not...by the color of their skin but by the content of their character" to the social justice narrative that assumes a great deal about people based only on the color of their skin. (It makes assumptions based on other factors, too; but for now, let's consider the assumptions made based just on skin color.) This is racism, and it is being used to divide and agitate American society and move it toward socialism. As the extended teaching plan says, social justice crusaders' "recommendations reveal their true goal: Igniting intense social upheaval that will set the stage for implementation of Marxist and socialist policies."
3. Use the material under the heading "A Biblical Perspective" in the extended teaching plan and **Item 6.2** from your last Bible study session to review what the Bible says about the human condition and humanity's greatest need.
4. Distribute a copy of **Item 7.1** to each class member. As a class, perform the reading. Use the discussion starters in the extended teaching plan to discuss Dr. Schaeffer's observation that "The 'condition of man' is not what modern man thinks it is."
5. Use the material under the heading "Bad News; Good News" to talk about the "**bad news**" of the gospel — that all are sinners before God and that, without Him they — we — have no hope for all eternity.
6. Use the material in the teaching plan to explain the **good news** of the gospel.
7. Talk about the power of **forgiveness**. Also talk about how and why Christians must forgive others.
8. Briefly tell the story of Louis Zamperini (1917-2014). Use the clip from *Unbroken* and the audio clip of Zamperini's reading his letter offering forgiveness to the Japanese guard who had treated him brutally (**Item 7.2**) to illustrate the **power of forgiveness**.
9. Contrast the "war cry" of social justice — *get even* — to the "peace cry" of the Christian — *forgive*.
10. Talk about Jesus' emphasis on God's kingdom. Stress the significance of His instructions to His followers to pray for God's will to be done "on earth as it is in heaven." This means influencing the world for good in a wide variety of ways as well as sharing the gospel and discipling new believers.
11. Remind your class members of **Item 6.1** from the last session. Influencing the world for good includes rejecting social justice and its ideologies such as CRT, intersectionality, situationism, antinomianism, and pietism. If we ignore evil, we can't expose it.
12. Warn your class members of two ditches to avoid. **First**, we must avoid focusing so much on our responsibility to influence society for good we neglect our duty to evangelize. **Second**, we must avoid staying away from public policy issues for fear of being accused of being "too political."
13. Explain that God can use a Christian's efforts to restore and preserve righteousness a culture and a nation to bring unsaved people to Christ and to plant seeds that eventually will bear an abundant spiritual harvest. Visit www.discoverbedrocktruth.org/meet-william-wilberforce/ to learn how he changed his nation as a Christian serving in Parliament. Also visit <https://bit.ly/3mfwGtm>.
14. Use **Item 7.3** to summarize the broad nature of the Christian's responsibility before God in a culture that is unraveling because it has rejected truth.
15. Play the clip by Rev. Cary Gordon from *Enemies Within the Church* and discuss it as time allows.
16. Close in prayer, thanking God for the members of your Bible study group and the insights everyone has learned over the past several weeks. Encourage your participants to interact during the coming week with the material in the debriefing for this session.