

## HOW JESUS DEALT WITH INJUSTICE

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**BIG IDEA: Jesus dismantled injustice in-person by building and being a bridge; and calls us into that business.**

**WHO were the minorities of Jesus' day?**

Women. Samaritans. Romans.

“God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.”

**John 3:17**

**1. He purposely \_\_\_\_\_ to meet people.**

Samaria. (John 4:3-6, 40).

Roman Centurion (Matt. 8:5-7).

**2. He engaged people in \_\_\_\_\_.**

Samaritan woman (Jn. 4:7-26).

**3. He painted people in a \_\_\_\_\_ and affirmed when they've got it right.**

Parable of Good Sam (Luke 10:25-37).

The Centurion's faith (Mat 8:7-11).

**4. He \_\_\_\_\_ instead of justice.**

Woman caught in adultery (Jn 8:2-11).

**5. He \_\_\_\_\_—became friends.**

Matthew's party (Mt. 9:10-13; Lk. 5:29-32).

Zacchaeus (Lk 19:1-10).

Racism dismantled thru friendship.

**6. He would \_\_\_\_\_ to Us v. Them.**

Mark 9:38-41 “Whoever is not against us is for us.”

**7. He \_\_\_\_\_ rather than propagating it.**

Peter, sword, ear, heal (Mt. 26:51-52).

On the cross (Isa. 53:4-12).

**WHY would he do this? It is what love does.**

“This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us.” **1 John 3:16** (1 Jn. 4:7-8)

**WHAT TO DO:**

**1. Purposely CROSS LINES to meet people...**

**2. Engage GENEROUS CONVERSATIONS.** Listen.

**3. Paint people in a POSITIVE LIGHT; affirm what they've got right.**

**4. CHOSE MERCY over justice.**

**5. SHARE MEALS, become friends, love generously.**

**6. REFUSE Us v. Them.**

**7. ABSORB VIOLENCE rather than propagating it.**

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**SUSTAINABILITY**