

Sermon Title: Empowering the Poor
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Key Scripture

Luke 4:18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor...

About 20% of people in Spokane live below the poverty line.

Why is this important for Christians to know?

Because it was important to Jesus.

There are 3 types of poverty:

Financial, Relational and Spiritual.

The root of all poverty is brokenness.

The Good News!

Luke 4: 18....he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted...

The mission of Jesus was and is to preach the good news of the kingdom of God, to say to one and all, "I am the King of kings and Lord of lords, and I am using My power to fix everything that sin has ruined." Colossians 1:15-20

We can all do missions.

Here at OCF, our Vision Statement is...To be a people who say a daily "Yes" to Jesus, Engage our world as a mission field and Actively Care for the vulnerable.

When we truly say yes to Jesus, we become more mission minded. We become more sensitive to the vulnerable around us.

1) **We are called to serve others not, save others.**

Two basic ways to do missions:

Relief: immediate, temporary help during and after crisis.

Restoration: Long term relationship to rebuild wholeness.

2) **We are called to relate to people, not rescue people.**

3) **We are called to reach out, not reach down.**

Finally, if you can't give anything to those struggling, give them the word of God. Psalms 19:7-8

Let us do more than just give to the poor, let us learn to empower them. For this pleases the Lord. Proverbs 19:17

If you help the poor, you are lending to the Lord and He will repay you!