

Series: Too Messy – “Love Your Neighbor”

Sermon: Widows and Orphans

February 21, 2016

1. Do you know anyone who is a widow? Do you know anyone who is an orphan? What is life like for these individuals?
2. In the United States, we have “safety nets” for widows and orphans. Do you know anyone who has fallen through the cracks?
3. Read Psalm 146:9; Isaiah 1:17; Isaiah 10:1-2; Jeremiah 22:3; 1 Timothy 5:3. Why do you think God mentions widows, orphans, immigrants and the poor?
4. Read Micah 6:8. What does this verse have to say about the groups of people listed above?
5. Read James 1:27 and James 2:1-4.
 - A. How can the world corrupt us?
 - B. Do you think people have the tendency to give more attention to powerful people with influence and money?
 - C. Do we do the same thing in the church?
 - D. What is "pure and genuine religion in God's sight"?
6. During the sermon, the story of Cori Salchert was shared about her care of children, who are dying and have been orphaned by their families.
 - A. What do you think of her story?
 - B. Could you do what she does for children?
7. "Just do for one what you wish you could do for everyone." What does this statement mean to you?
8. Read Matthew 25:31-40. What do these verses have to say about loving your neighbor?"
9. What has God impressed upon you regarding loving your neighbor when it comes to orphans and widows?