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BIBLICAL JUSTICE

Justice, mercy, and humility. That's the rhythm God asks us to walk in.

Justice is not a modern idea. It's an ancient one. It's God's idea. In Scripture, the Hebrew word for justice, mishpat, shows up again and again. It means giving people what they are rightfully due, protecting the vulnerable, and making things right. It's not an abstract concept. It's action.

Micah 6:8 says it plainly: "He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." **This is God's heart before it's ours.**

Psalm 89:14 tells us righteousness and justice are the foundation of His throne. Not an accessory to who He is. The foundation.

When we care about justice, we're not chasing a trend. We're reflecting the heart of the One we follow. His heart consistently bends toward the vulnerable, the orphan, the widow, the immigrant, the poor. Justice has names and faces.

Jesus made it personal in **Matthew 25**. "I was hungry." Feeding people, standing with people, caring for people, this is Godly work. So what does this mean for us at Peoples Church? We use our time. Our talent. Our voice. Our money. Our other resources. And we do it together, as one diverse family.

That's what Access Giving is for, a distinct commitment above the tithe, specifically fueling three things close to God's heart: reaching Unreached and Unengaged People Groups, multiplying churches toward our Church Like Heaven vision, and the work of biblical justice. Through it, we partner with ministries like Transforming Jail Ministries, CarePortal, City Gospel Mission, and Life Forward, doing this work with humility and dignity, always pointing back to Jesus.

Justice isn't a project. It's a posture. May it shape how we give and engage.



PEOPLES CHURCH



What is CarePortal?

CarePortal connects local churches with verified needs of children and families in their communities, giving the Church an opportunity to respond with practical help and build meaningful relationships.

Here at Peoples Church, your **ACCESS** giving has allowed Taft Elementary to begin using this powerful tool by covering their technology fee. And we're currently working toward helping another local school gain access too!

But CarePortal isn't just about meeting needs. It's about people moving toward people.

A Need Became a Neighbor

Adrienne, a single mom of four, was rebuilding her life after leaving a domestic violence situation. She was moving to a new home and was in need of beds for her four kids. A CarePortal request was submitted to help connect her with practical support. Using CarePortal's Serve Profiles, Adrienne was connected with church members who lived within walking distance of her new home.

What began with meeting practical needs grew into neighbors offering rides, bringing meals, praying, checking in, and helping her build a new community of support. Not only was the CarePortal Requests for beds met, but she's starting to build that village, where she can share her struggles and celebrate her progress.

Take Your Next Step

Biblical Justice isn't only something we give toward. It's something we live out. Join the CarePortal Response Team and create your Serve Profile to start meeting needs. You'll be able to see opportunities to use what God has given you: your time, resources, abilities, or simply your willingness to respond to families in our community.



**Join the CarePortal
Response Team!**