STEP 4: WHAT JUSTICE

Responding in our community

In this final step, we will consider *What Justice* God may be calling us to – individually, as congregations and city-wide.

Prescribed Resources:

1. Watch the video about Common Ground's vision for compassion and justice in the city. What do you think of this vision and strategy? What questions do you have about it? In what ways might you be part of making this vision a reality?

2. Read the *Lifestyle Guide*, take the self-assessment test in it, and reflect prayerfully on areas where you feel God is inviting you to engage more deeply in a lifestyle of living social justice:

3. Read the extract from Sharlene Swartz' book 'Another Country – Everyday Social Restitution'. Do you think restitution is something God wants his people in South Africa to be engaging in? What might God be calling you to in this regard? What is your next step that you will do this week?

Personal Reflection:

Jesus, on a couple of occasions, said that we should love the Lord our God with all our **heart**, with all our **soul,** with all our **strength** and with all our **mind**; and love our neighbour as we love ourselves (Luke 10:25-27; Matthew 22:36-39). Take a moment to reflect on each of those parts of you in turn – heart, soul, strength and mind and think how loving God in that way might look in social justice.

Biblical Meditation:

Read *Ephesians 2:1-10*. What do you feel, in this time and place, are the good works for which you have been saved and (re)created in Christ Jesus? The good works for which you are God's handiwork? Think about your past, your personality, your privilege, your pain… Think about the things you have faith for in God, the things that you carry in your heart, your dreams for Cape Town, for South Africa and even for other places further afield.