**Social Justice Biblically Assessed**

***Week I: Social Justice and Biblical Justice, a Framework***

**Introduction: The Cry for Justice**

* A cry that is vocalized in the scriptures
* There is presently a very strong pulse in evangelicalism

1. **The Importance of Understanding Justice**

* **Spiritual Life of the Individual and the Church is at Stake:** Proverbs 2:1-22
* **Call for discernment:** 
  + Understanding our times: 1 Chronicles 12:23
  + Winds of doctrine: Ephesians 4:11-14
  + Constant practice: Hebrews 5:12-14

1. **The Path to Understanding Justice: Seeking the Lord**

* Call for seeking the Lord - Proverbs 28:4-5
* CF 1 Cor 2:15-16 - Noetic effect of sin - judging all things

1. **Foundations:**

* **The definition of “Social Justice” is murky**
* **Biblical Justice Pertains to God-given rights of mankind pertaining to mankind**
  + Scriptural basis of human rights
  + This is by virtue of being created in God’s image: Genesis 9:6
* **Biblical Justice is a matter of respecting, maintaining, promoting, and defending those God-given rights.** 
  + Justice is required everywhere:
  + Strong emphasis in the bible on the poor and justice for the poor.
  + Scriptural Testimony

* **Biblical Justice is Defined by the Transcendent Standard of God’s Word**
  + 10 Commandments are the bar and standard.
  + Ezekiel 22:1-16
  + If we want to even begin to answer the cry for justice, we must go to the standard for justice.