

Making Things Right

Deuteronomy 21.1-9

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Introduction

- What do you do when you're confronted with a crime, but you don't know who to hold accountable?
- how do we justice _____ and why is that important?

Main Points: we can make things right by...

1. Seeking justice –

- specific to the land given to them by God – related to covenant: YHWH/Israel/land
- found slain – intentional death, not an accident
- murder and bloodguilt were a major issue because it impacted Israel's ability to worship
- elders came out to represent the families of the community and judges came out to ensure fairness and partiality so that social breakdown didn't happen
- Such a murder involved the whole _____ in blood guilt.

2. Engaging in a process –

- the various elements of the process / ritual allude to purity
- there is a shift from elders and judges to priests
- the symbol of _____ is significant

3. Appealing for grace –

- this is a prayer
- there is a very real sense or concept of communal guilt
- it's important to do what is _____ in the _____ of God

How does this relate to Jesus?

- Matthew 27.24-26
- Jesus was murdered – there is no _____ that he was found guilty
- All the people embraced the guilt

How does this affect me?

- we are affected by communal sin
- we must engage in a process of reconciliation
- we place great hope in the _____ and grace of God

Conclusion

- we live in community and our actions impact others
- there is a way to make things right
- mercy triumphs over justice – James 2.13

Amen.