

# How “Social” is the Gospel?

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**Primary Point:** *The Social Gospel movement is a dangerous threat to the Gospel of the Bible.*

**Primary Text:** *John 6:1-15; 25-35*

Definition of the “Social Gospel”: A person must not only be converted but also labor for economic and social equality among all people groups.

1. ***The Social Gospel is legalism.***
2. ***The Social Gospel has the same heart as the health and wealth Gospel.***
3. ***The Social Gospel keeps people focused on their victim status, and thus stops them from receiving Christ.***

*Jesus did not come here to change our circumstances; He came here to empower us to live ABOVE our circumstances.*

Texts for further study: Matthew 26:6-16; Romans 8:35-39; Hebrews 11:35-40; Isaiah 1:17; Romans 12:15-18; Galatians 3:8

Application Questions:

1. What was most meaningful to you about today’s message? Why?
2. What is a better way to integrate social reform into our faith without making it legalism?
3. In what ways do you blame your circumstances for your happiness or lack there of?
4. How important is it to defend the Gospel of the New Testament? Why?
5. In what ways can you love people who are different than you?
6. Discuss “compassionate” love and “tough” love. When is one more appropriate than another?