RESOURCES FOR WRESTLING WITH IMPLICATIONS OF AMOS

I've enjoyed teaching through Amos with my extended family back at Creekside Community Church. It has struck me that even if we begin to see the immense value that God places on justice in the Scriptures, it can be so difficult to know what to do about it. Many of us feel overwhelmed just getting through the week, let alone researching systems in our work that may be unjust and figuring out what to do about it.

So I put together a small simple list of resources for anyone who is ready to take some of this thinking a step further. Enjoy! Feel free to email me at nate@oaklandleadershipcenter.com if you look at the books or websites or if you just want to talk about this in person over coffee.

Grace and Peace,

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Books:

- Gary Haugen's <u>Good News About Injustice</u> is a good introduction to thinking about justice, especially from an international perspective. If you like books that cite a lot of Bible verses to make the point, this is for you. Almost every page relates a modern cause to a Bible story, passage or verse.
- Rob Bell's <u>Jesus Wants to Save Christians</u> is provocative, witty and easy to read. It weaves the Jewish context to many Bible stories together with modern dilemmas that we face in a creative way.

Websites and Online Articles:

- Vocari.org Creekside's own Wayne Cerullo is deeply involved with this local group that believes people can find meaning at work and that the workplace is part of the Creator's initial creativity and intention.
- http://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/mobile/thisisourcity.html?id=104089 (article about my friend Pamela Wilhelms and her work as a business consultant)
- http://tradeasone.com/ (Trade As One helps you make a positive difference in the lives of the poor through your day to day spending. The website is worth a visit just for the short video on the front page. It started in Santa Cruz)
- http://socialcapitalmarkets.net/ (SOCAP is an annual event in San Francisco at the intersection of money and meaning)

www.oaklandcommunity.org (wonderful group of churches, pastors and faith b organizations who take tangible action in public for justice, focusing on the root causes of violence, mass incarceration, the education system and immigration)							root