

**Addressing homelessness associated with violence and powerlessness in Pretoria, South Africa: Insights from an empirical Missiological study based on encounterological reflection of Luke 10: 25 – 37.**

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**Abstract**

Homeless people living in pavements of the streets of major South African cities such as Pretoria are victims of city' systemic power abuse, inequality and are vulnerable. Christian mission in such context has firstly an inescapable responsibility to be mindful of the wounds the City of Pretoria and its communities, specifically the homeless people face. Secondly, it has to respond by facilitating the finding of solutions to address these issues of power abuse, inequality and vulnerability as related to homelessness in Pretoria. Finally, Christian mission has to work together with the homeless people in the search for these solutions.

Mindful of the wounds that homeless people are subjected to in this city, the aim of this article is to contribute a Missiological perspective towards a solution for addressing homelessness associated with violence and powerlessness in Pretoria, South Africa. Twenty (i.e. 8 men and 12 women) homeless people were engaged through Contextual Bible Study to gain insights about appropriate actions to be considered for a transformative missiology in this context. Based on their encounterological reflection of Luke 10: 25 – 35 and for the vision of building an inclusive city where peace, human dignity, freedom and collective wellbeing are realised in this city, this local homeless community suggest a number of 'hopeful actions' which are discussed in this article.