Social Gospel Ministers

African American clergymen who as preachers focused on pressing social and economic problems, taking on the role of religious leaders in the struggle for positive social changes. Among the social gospel advocates was Martin Luther King, Sr., preacher at the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, GA. In 1935, King led a voting rights march through downtown Atlanta. Later, he directed an effort to raise the salaries of black public school teachers to the level of their white colleagues.