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<https://faculti.net/restorative-justice-and-lived-religion-transforming-mass-incarceration-in-chicago/>

This video is a transcript from a discussion focused on restorative justice and its relationship with structural violence, particularly in the context of the United States. The speaker, Jason, explains that restorative justice is both a philosophy and a set of practices aimed at accountability, healing, and repairing harm caused by crime and conflict, as opposed to traditional punitive justice systems.

He highlights the importance of applying restorative justice in communities, especially addressing issues related to mass incarceration and systemic violence against marginalized groups. Jason argues that while restorative justice has seen implementation, particularly in places like Chicago, it often fails to confront deeper structural problems within the criminal justice system, such as racial bias and class discrimination.

Through his research, he investigates local implementations of restorative justice, emphasizing that successful adaptation hinges on community involvement and leadership rather than being co-opted by the legal system. He expresses concerns that without genuine community leadership, restorative justice initiatives risk becoming institutionalized and losing their transformative potential.

Jason's future research plans involve exploring the concept of transformative justice as an evolution of restorative justice, responding to criticisms and the changing dynamics of community needs. He hopes that his work will inspire similar initiatives in other cities and offer practical insights into effectively implementing restorative practices.