

# MICAH 6:8

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## Small Group Discussion Guide

### Main Points:

Defining Justice: Mishpat means "setting things right."

### Justice is a two sided coin.

#### **Retributive Justice**

Injustice demands punishment

Retribution is the common way we think of justice. If a person commits a crime, they should be justly punished.

#### **Restorative Justice**

Giving what is rightfully due a person

Restorative justice works to give a person what they are due. The priest's Mishpat was to Have food giving them while they worked at the temple. (Deuteronomy 18:3-4)

### Three aspects of the justice of God

#### **1. Justice reflects the character of God.**

Passages: Psalm 146:7-9  
Deuteronomy 10:18

If its in the character of God to practice restorative justice, it should be in our character to do justice as well.

#### **2. Justice is primarily directed towards the vulnerable.**

Passages: Proverbs 31:9  
Jeremiah 22:3

Quartet of the vulnerable:

1. Widows
2. Orphans
3. Immigrants
4. Poor

The vulnerable are valuable to God, are they valuable to you?

#### **3. Justice is generous**

Passages: Ezekiel 18:5,7

*Our Justice must be generous towards the vulnerable.*

## **Discussion Questions**

**Possible opening video:** <https://bibleproject.com/learn/justice/>  
*This is a great 6min video on biblical justice.*

1. Before the message, how would you have defined "justice"?
2. Where do you see injustice in our city, state, nation or world?

### **Retributive and restorative justice**

4. Pastor Bryan said the emphasis of justice in the Bible is in restorative justice. How is restorative justice different than retributive justice?
5. What are examples of both retributive and restorative justice in the Bible?
6. What organizations do you see striving to do restorative justice?
7. Are there forms of social justice that are not true biblical justice?

### **Justice reflects the character of God**

8. When you think of the justice of God, what comes to mind? When you understand that justice is "setting things right", how does that change your understand?

### **Justice is primarily directed at the vulnerable**

9. Pastor Bryan shared the "quartet of the vulnerable." Would you add to this list today?
10. Why are the vulnerable so close to the heart of God?

### **Justice is generous**

11. How is the justice of Jesus generous?
12. Is a generous justice different than charity? How so?