

MICAH 6:8

Do Justice | Love Mercy | Walk Humbly

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Do Justice (Part 2)

5.2.21

Small Group Discussion Guide

Starting Questions:

1. Look at the following verses—what do they say about justice?
James 1:27
Isaiah 1:17
Deuteronomy 27:19
James 2:14-17
Psalm 82:3-4
2. God commands us to “do justice” - how do we cooperate with Christ in accomplishing this command?
3. How have you experienced injustice in your life (things not being as they should)?

Main Points:

1. The pursuit of justice can be done in a wrong way:

Example: Fast food justice

Fast-food justice is what happens when we want grand solutions for the world with the same speed and convenience with which we want a Big Mac. We want answers and actions now and so we by pass the necessary work of learning and understanding.

2. Idolatry and Injustice

Idolatry is the center of injustice (Romans 1:21-28)

Idolatry is the center of inaction

Devalue God by putting something else in his place and it's easier to treat his image-bears like trash.

3. A framework for Justice (Luke 10:25-37)

See

Feel

Respond

Discussion Questions

Justice Done Wrong

1. Pastor Bryan gave examples of justice done wrong (fast food justice), like Toms shoes. Can you think of other ways we attempt to "set things right" but it ultimately doesn't accomplish the goal.
2. Let's think about local injustice—specifically to the poor, immigrant, widow and orphan. In what ways have we failed to do justice to these groups?

Idolatry and Justice

3. Idols present themselves in a number of ways today. How do the idols of power, money, comfort, sex or social acceptance lead to injustice.
4. How do the idols of power, money, comfort, sex and social acceptance lead to inactivity in practicing justice?
5. Are there any other idols in your life or in the broader culture that can distort our vision of true justice?
6. Pastor Bryan said that when we love God first, it allows us to see humanity as created in his image. How does being created in the image of God shed light on doing justice?
7. Are there any particular individuals you have a challenging time seeing and treating as image-bearers? For you personally, what might it look like to start treating them as divine image-bearers?

A Framework for Justice

8. What can you do to better open your eyes to injustice?
9. In what ways do you struggle to see all people as created in the image of God?
10. How can you know what injustice God is calling you to respond to?
11. How can you practice restorative justice this week?