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SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS



Week 1

Text: Psalm 89:14–16

Topic(s): Justice, Character of God

Big Idea of the Message: God is powerful and just. His character is the foundation for how he judges humanity and his desire for justice is coupled with mercy.

Application Point: Being a follower of a just God means humbly acknowledging God's work on our behalf and modeling God's character by calling out injustice and advocating for change on behalf of the vulnerable.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. Is the idea that God is just comforting or concerning to you? Why?
3. Has there ever been a time when your idea of justice and God's idea of justice were different? How did you reconcile those feelings?
4. Does justice mean forgive and forget? Why is it important that God confronts evil and sin and holds people accountable?
5. Is God's justice full of revenge and retribution or restoration? How can you align your reaction to injustice to reflect the character of God?
6. How can we pray for you?



Week 2

Text: Amos 5:1–24

Topic(s): Oppression, Justice

Big Idea of the Message: Justice matters to God and he does not overlook oppression. Even though the Israelites had experienced oppression, it did not prevent them from oppressing others.

Application Point: As people who have experienced oppression and been given mercy, it is important to be repentant and face our own tendencies to be oppressive and unjust to others.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. Have you ever been treated unjustly? How does that shape how you treat others?
3. What sort of offerings are you giving, or have you given God instead of pursuing true justice and righteousness? Why do we put on the show, instead of living in obedience?
4. Have you ever sought out justice or revenge when you were wronged? How did it go and what did the experience teach you?
5. Are there times when you have knowingly or unknowingly participated in the oppression, abuse, exploitation, or harm of another person? Take time to repent for those sins and ask God how to be an ally to the most vulnerable.
6. How can we pray for you?



Week 3

Text: Micah 3:8–12; 6:6–8

Topic(s): Confronting Injustice, Boldness, Humility, Righteousness

Big Idea of the Message: God strengthened Micah to confront injustice and call on God's people to humble themselves and walk faithfully with God.

Application Point: Standing up for justice isn't easy. When difficulties come our way, we must rely on the power of the Holy Spirit to guide and strengthen us.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. Micah had a list of accusation against the people of Judah. When you look around, what do you see that is cause for concern or really irks you?
3. Do you "do justice," "love kindness," and "walk humbly" with God? What does that look like and how can you practically live in obedience to that charge?
4. What organizations (or people) in your community do a good job of advocating for others or providing helpful services for those in need? In what ways can you be involved in bringing God's justice and care to those in your area?
5. Have there been times when you tried to confront injustice and it backfired or went poorly? How can you continue to pursue those good works, knowing you might make mistakes?
6. How can I pray for you?



Week 4

Text: Habakkuk 1:1–4; 3:17–19

Topic(s): Injustice, God's Judgement, Faith, Suffering

Big Idea of the Message: Habakkuk struggles with living in a world full of injustice but finds hope in faith and righteousness.

Application Point: The believer, like Habakkuk, can rest in the faithfulness of God to bring about justice and never abandon the faithful during hard times.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. Have you ever felt like God didn't hear you when you cried out? How did you deal with those feelings?
3. How does recounting how God has been faithful in the past help you face uncertain or difficult times? Take time to share stories of God's goodness with one another.
4. Do current events make you feel sad, apathetic, or hopeful? How can you move past feelings and into a sustaining hope, like Habakkuk did?
5. What is the best advice you would give to someone who was facing impossibly difficult circumstances?
6. How can I pray for you?