Do Justice



Week of June 12, 2016

These discussion questions can be used the week following the message. You can use these questions for personal growth and development, or as a guide for your Connect Group discussions.

Message Recap: Read Micah 6:8

We are all familiar with the sins that we commit because of the things we do that go against God's will for our lives, but sometimes we overlook the sins we commit from our indifference to the things God's calling us to do. It's easy to miss, but it's equally important. The people of Micah's time were not all bad, but they were turning a blind eye to the oppression happening around them. We must not be like those people; we must not ignore the injustices happening all around us in our world today.

Pray

Lord, help us to hear your words of action in our lives. Help us to not ignore those words or to hide from that which you've called us to do, but instead give us the strength and the courage to speak boldly and act decisively in all that you would ask of us. Keep up from ignoring the injustice in our world, and show us how we can make a difference in stopping that injustice, even if it means making some sacrifices for it.

Getting Started

- Have you ever watched the show "What Would You Do?" Have you
 found yourself in a similar situation where you had to decide if you
 were going to speak up or just ignore an uncomfortable situation?
- When was a time that somebody did something to you that you felt you didn't deserve? How did this make you feel? Did anyone step in to help you?

Listening Deeply

- 1. When was a time that you saw something bad happen to someone and you did not help them when you could have?
- 2. Why do you think it was that you didn't reach out to help? What could you have done?
- 3. Is there someone in your life who has wronged you that you need to forgive? How can you show them mercy?
- 4. Read Ezekiel 33:1-9. If God considers us watchmen, then what exactly is our responsibility?
- 5. If you could do anything to fight one injustice in our world right now, what would it be?
- 6. Who in your life right now is someone you know who's suffering an injustice that you could do something about?
- 7. How can members of the group pray for you regarding what you just shared?

Living Wide in Jesus

Jesus gave us the perfect example of what we should do with our lives. He was always just, and he did not tolerate those who oppressed the weak. And yet, he still showed mercy. Ultimately one day ALL will face God's final justice, because only he can pass judgement. So how can we follow his example?

- Do justice Be just, and stand up to those are unjust.
- Love mercy Love those who do not deserve it, and do not be quick to seek your own justice.
- Walk humbly with God Do not let pride overcome your life. Walk with God daily and embrace a servant's heart.

Now go and creatively reveal the love of the Father through the life of the Son in the power of the Spirit!