

Week 6 – The Justice of God



Group Time

Be sure to keep an eye on your time allotment for each activity. Leaders guide the conversation, making sure everyone participates.

First-Third:

- Member Care:**
 - Leader: “How is everyone doing?”
 - Each participant offers a prayer request and a praise.
- Look Back:** Each participant shares (gives an account of) what or how they did on their “Look Forward” activity commitment from the last meeting:
 - What was the one area of your life you chose to take a step towards walking in wisdom?**
 - What was your action plan to take this step last week?**
 - How did it go?**
- Prayers and Praises** for what God is doing.



Second-Third:

- Look Up:** Romans 3:12 and 2 Corinthians 5:10.

Watch this week’s video to cover the main point:

We don't want to be treated fairly by God, we want to be treated like Jesus.

- Look In:** There are two questions everyone struggles with: “Why do bad things happen to good people?” and, “Why do good things happen to bad people?” It may seem like life is not fair, which it isn't. That’s a good thing.

If life was fair, then we’d all deserve an eternity separated from God (as we see in the story of Sodom). God did not give us what we deserve, He gave us what His son deserved.

POINT: *Are you ready to meet the JUST God?*

How do we respond to God's justice?

Read Romans 3:10-12

Discussion Questions:

- What are your thoughts as you read these verses?**
- Why do we like to see ourselves as basically "good?"**
- What happens when we compare ourselves to Jesus rather than other people?**

Final-Third:

- Look Forward:** What is something practical (measurable) I can DO before our next meeting, in obedience to the lesson?

Big Idea: WHILE GOD IS JUST, HE OFFERS US FORGIVENESS THROUGH HIS SON JESUS. THIS MEANS WE NEED TO LIVE TODAY READY FOR THE RETURN OF JESUS.

- Have you accepted His gift of forgiveness? (Yes or No)**
 - Read 2 Corinthians 5:10 and ask, “What do I need to do to be ready to stand before Jesus? Do I need to forgive someone or seek forgiveness?”
 - What is one thing you can do this week to prepare?**
 - Next meeting, be prepared to share how it went.**
- Practice:** If this step involves going someplace or committing to an activity, plan it out now. What is the schedule? If this step involves talking with someone (ex: sharing the Good News or asking for forgiveness), what will you say? Who will you say it to? Practice that now to get feedback and suggestions.
 - Pray** for one another to be obedient to do this step, commissioning one another for the task. Praise God for speaking into our lives.