

Small Group Questions | June 3rd, 2018

Kingdom Mission – Justice and Mercy (Isaiah 58:1-14)

Sermon Recap: True justice is served when we serve others. Isaiah reveals that true justice looks like living our lives with the right *movement* towards the vulnerable, having the right *mindset* of equality in the image of God, and the right *motive* of Jesus' grace which he first poured out on us through laying down his life on the cross.

Hook: *These questions can help encourage conversation.*

1. Can you relate to Rich's story of seeking personal justice for his lost rental car? How so?
2. How does the world define the notion of justice?

Look: *Read the sermon passage. Answer the following textual questions.*

3. Read vv. 2-5. What is God's reason for withholding his presence from his people though they cry out for him through prayer and fasting?
4. Read vv. 6-7. Where do you see the right movement, right mindset, and right motives of God's justice in the text?
5. Read vv. 8-14. What is the promise of adopting God's view of justice in our lives?
6. Read Luke 4:16-19. How does God reveal true justice through Jesus?

Took: *Applying the message to our lives.*

7. Is true justice lacking in your daily life? Do you ever feel as though God is withholding his presence from you?
8. Which characteristic of true justice (movement, mindset, motive) do you find most challenging to live out?
9. Take a moment to reflect/pray silently as a group. Has God already given you any specific avenues of living out true justice in your life?

Prayer/Verse:

"Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry, and he will say 'Here I am.'" – Isaiah 58:9