

Week 5: The Vanity of Justice

Date: October 10th, 2021

Passage: Ecclesiastes 8:10-15 [3:16-17; 4:1]

Small Group Discussion questions help us dig deeper, connecting Sunday's sermons with our everyday lives. These questions have been designed to help Small Groups grow in their relationship with God, with one another, and with their neighbors. Please know that these questions are meant to be a resource to you. You do not have to follow them verbatim or get through them all. Use these questions in the way that best serves your Small Group.

1. **Read** Ecclesiastes 8:10-15 [3:16-17; 4:1]
2. What stood out to you from the sermon and this passage? What challenged you? Encouraged you?
3. What comes to your mind when you hear the word "justice?" How would you define "justice?"
4. We witness injustice and oppression in our world and our country. Why do you think God allows these things to happen?
5. Why do you think many people have concerns when they think about the "judgment" of God? Why is the "judgment" of God important?
6. **Read** Luke 4:18-21 - Discuss
7. At the heart of Jesus' mission was good news for the poor, liberty for the captives, recovering sight to the blind, and liberty for the oppressed. If that is the mission of Jesus, how can we as Christians and the Church make that our mission?
8. **Read** Romans 3:21-26
9. The most profound example of God's justice is found at the Cross. Discuss.
10. How can we take steps in order to learn more about contentment, and grow in our generosity?

Pray: Thank God for giving you every good thing you have. Ask God to show you how to be more generous. Ask God to forgive you when you are not content. Ask God to help you find strength in Jesus to endure any situation.