



Understanding Justice

Big Ideas for Big Impact

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What is justice?

Attitudes and actions that are consistent with God's will and ways!

Justice and Righteousness in the Bible

Justice is not...

Verbally spouting support of current cultural trends or "hot topics"

Injustice is a easy!

Any time our attitudes and actions do not line up with God's will and ways

Justice is a huge topic!

- The character of God... He is just and the author of justice
- God's justice at the end of time
- God's justice now in our world
- Jesus' work on the cross
- Injustice in our lives... and how to live justly
- How the church (God's people) can become a community of justice

Let's reflect [humbly!](#)

- How often do I think about justice and act on it?
- How often do I fail to notice, ignore, or even cause injustice?

Our God is [just](#) and the source of all [justice!](#)

Deuteronomy 32:3-4

3 I will proclaim the name of the Lord. Oh, praise the greatness of our God!

*4 He is the Rock, his works are perfect, and **all his ways are just**. A faithful God who **does no wrong, upright and just** is he.*

Revelation 15:3

*...and sang the song of God's servant Moses and of the Lamb: "Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty. **Just and true are your ways**, King of the nations.*

Jesus leads us to justice!

Isaiah 9:6-7

6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

7 Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.

We are **called** to **righteous** and **just** lives!

Isaiah 26:7-9

7 The path of the righteous is level; you, the Upright One, make the way of the righteous smooth.

8 Yes, Lord, walking in the way of your laws, we wait for you; your name and renown are the desire of our hearts.

*9 My soul yearns for you in the night; in the morning my spirit longs for you. When your judgments come upon the earth, the people of the world **learn righteousness** (justice).*

Justice Costs! (Seeking God's will and ways in a broken world)

- Time
- Reputation
- Money
- Comfort
- More!

Stop, Ponder, Listen... (Justice and Injustice)

- **God says care for the weak and marginalized**
- **God says share the Good News of His salvation in Jesus**
- **God says every person is made in His image**
- **God says feed the hungry and clothe the naked**
- **God says value and protect life** (We look the other way as innocent life is taken... Abortion / Trafficking / Late in Life)