



Small Group/ Reflection Notes

	03.10.21		Justice - Not Just Us
Start	What has happened to you this week that was just not fair?!		
	What view of 'fairness' do children seem to have?		
Discuss	Is it more complicated than that? Why?		
Read	Psalm 37:7-13, 23-28a	Justen again	ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Watch ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Talks
Explore	 When can anger inspired by injustice be a good thing? When can it be dangerous? Can you think of examples of each from real life? How does injustice make you feel? How do you respond to these feelings? What is the message about the long-term future of injustice? If God loves justice, what does that mean for us as followers of Christ? What happens when 'the golden rule' of 'do unto others' is broken? When have you experienced this and [how] did the situation resolve? Micah 6:8 challenges us to love justice in the way we live - when is this difficult to do? We are commanded to respect the law of our land and to pray for those in authority (1 Timothy 2:2). Under what circumstances is this hard? We are meant to be living as God's ambassadors; his love is made complete in our lives (1 John 4) - can you think of a situation where we as a church and yourself as an individual could speak up for the voiceless and take action for justice? Amos 5:24 - what does this mean in reality? What can we do to enable it? 		
Go further	 Romans 8:28 tells us that ' in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose' - what would you say to a christian who has experienced unresolved injustice, for whom this verse doesn't seem to ring true? How would you answer the 'why does God allow bad things to happen to good / innocent people' questions of people who don't yet know Jesus? 		
Reflect	 Which one verse stands out to you? Why do you think it grabs your attention? Which verse(s) will you need to think more about? Why? What is God putting on <i>your</i> heart? 		

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N	Help someone who is facing injustice		
Do	Trust that God sees injustice and knows about it.		
Pray	God of justice, thank you that you see injustice; it doesn't pass you by. I ask that you would help me to see the world through your eyes. Inspire me to pray for change and to act justly. Amen		
, i dy	Spend some time praying over injustices you are aware of - either globally or closer to home.		
My questions:			

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