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WEEK 2: JUSTICE

Small Group Discussion Guide // March 11, 2018

1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that challenged, intrigued, surprised, bothered, confused, or was new to you?
2. This week Pastor Brandon talked about Injustices in our world and even gave some examples of terrible tragedies that had a tremendous effect on our country. We see injustices happening all around us, all the time.
What are some of the injustices that really bother you? In one sentence, share one or two injustices that really make you angry and or break your heart.
3. Read **Leviticus 24:17-21** and **Matthew 5:38-41** together.
Which of these two passages more resembles our country's judicial system? Generally speaking, do you feel that our society's laws are fair or just? How is Jesus' response to injustice different from our country's judicial system?
4. Pastor Brandon showed us that Jesus' command to turn the other cheek, give the cloak as well, and to walk an extra mile, wasn't a passive or dismissive response to injustice, but rather an opportunity to give the oppressor a glimpse of the Kingdom of Heaven. Read **Romans 12:21** together.
How does Jesus' words in Matt 5:28-41 relate to Paul's teaching in Romans 12:21? Where have you seen evil be overcome by good?
5. Pastor Brandon shared the saying, "An enemy is someone whose story you've never heard." Jesus seems to agree, because He is asking us to go the extra mile with our enemies...to spend time with and get to know our oppressors. To win them over through love. By being peculiar. Read **Matthew 5:43-46** together.
Have you ever failed to love your enemy the way that God commands us to love? If yes, what would you do differently if you had the chance?
6. Thinking about the enemies in your life. The ones who may cause anger, hurt, and frustration. The ones who might be responsible for insulting you, robbing you of your dignity, or treating you as less than human?
Where might Jesus be asking you for a "peculiar" response this week?
7. What is one thing you need to remember or act on this week as a result of this teaching and study? What accountability do you need to ensure action?