

JUSTICE, AND ONLY JUSTICE

GOD'S CALL TO RIGHTEOUS JUDGMENT

Sermon Questions

1. When churches get involved in issues of justice, they will lose the gospel and get off track. (Yes/No)
2. What were the requirements for judges and officers elected by the people?
 - i. They must exercise righteous _____ according to God's standards.
 - ii. They must not _____ or twist justice.
 - iii. They must take no _____.
3. List one example of a perversion of justice today? _____
4. A concern for justice respects _____ and cannot tolerate false _____.
5. A concern for justice respects the _____ and cannot tolerate _____.
6. God demands that serious crimes to be investigated diligently before a verdict is made. (True/False)
7. God would rather the guilty go free than an innocent person wrongly condemned. (True/False)
8. A concern for justice respects _____ and cannot tolerate _____.
9. Only in _____ can God show mercy and maintain perfect justice.
10. List the four principles we should take from this passage for our lives today:
 - i. We should all be concerned about _____.
 - ii. We must define justice according to God's _____.
 - iii. We must remember that God's justice is relevant for _____.
 - iv. We must remember to proclaim _____ as we seek justice.

Discussion Questions

1. How does the command to pursue “justice, and only justice” challenge the way our culture (or even the church) often defines justice today? In what specific ways are we tempted to add to, subtract from, or twist God’s standard?
2. The sermon showed that true justice begins with right worship of the true God. Where in your own life, family, or church might mixed loyalties, half-hearted offerings, or subtle idols be undermining a concern for biblical justice?
3. How does the perfect justice of God—and the fact that it was fully satisfied at the cross—both humble you and give you hope? How should this shape the way you respond to injustice you see around you and the sin you still find in yourself?
4. What is one concrete area (home, workplace, church, community, or civic life) where you sense God calling you to grow in a practical concern for justice this week? What first step will you take?
5. What was your most significant take-away from this passage and sermon?

Discussion Questions for Children

1. God tells his people to always do what is right and fair, without taking bribes or twisting the rules. Can you think of a time when it was hard to be fair or tell the truth? What helped you (or what could help you) choose to do the right thing?
2. The sermon showed us that Jesus took the punishment we deserve so God can forgive us and still be perfectly fair. How does knowing Jesus did that for you make you want to treat other people more kindly and fairly?