Introduction: Engage your group by using a quote.

We all struggle with discouragement and doubt. Even God’s chosen servants can also be prone to this sin. Write the following quote on the board: “It’s not right for the upright to be uptight.”

Ask group members to think about this statement as you proceed through the session.

[Source: Adrian Rogers, Adrianisms, Volume 2: The Wit and Wisdom of Adrian Rogers (Memphis, TN: Love Worth Finding Ministries, 2007), 113.]

Point 1: Engage the concept of injustice using a brief article.

Read aloud the following brief article (or print out copies for your group to read):

In June 2004, at a Vancouver art gallery, Canadian cross-country skier Beckie Scott received an Olympic gold medal. That’s interesting, because the Winter Olympics had been held in 2002—in Utah. Scott had won bronze behind two athletes who were disqualified months later when it was learned they had used banned substances.

It’s good that Scott eventually received her gold, but gone forever is the moment when she should have stood on the podium to hear her country’s national anthem. That injustice couldn’t be remedied.

Injustice of any kind disturbs us, and surely there are far greater wrongs than being denied a hard-won medal. The story of Cain and Abel shows an ultimate act of injustice (Gen. 4:8). And at first glance, it might look like Cain got away with murdering his brother. After all, he lived a long, full life, eventually building a city (v. 17).

But God Himself confronted Cain. “Your brother’s blood cries out to me from the ground,” He said (v. 10). The New Testament later recorded Cain
as an example to avoid (1 John 3:12; Jude 1:11). But of Abel we read, “By faith Abel still speaks, even though he is dead” (Heb. 11:4).

God cares deeply about justice, about righting wrongs, and about defending the powerless. In the end, no one gets away with any act of injustice. Nor does God leave unrewarded our work done in faith for Him.

Then raise the following questions for discussion:

- What is the author saying about God’s justice?
- Will justice always happen on earth? How so?
- Why should we always hold out hope for justice in the long run?


**Point 2: Use the “Think-Pair-Share” technique to emphasize the main point.**

Show the video “Understanding Evil” (2 minutes, 10 seconds) from the movie *No Country for Old Men*: https://www.wingclips.com/movie-clips/no-country-for-old-men/understanding-evil

Before you show the video, put the following question before your group: “Why is evil such a difficult thing to understand?”

After watching the video, check for understanding using the *Think-Pair-Share* technique:

“**Think** for thirty seconds about the earlier question we raised about evil. Now I want you to discuss your ideas with a person on your left or right who is not your spouse.” Pause for sixty seconds, and call on 3-4 pairs to **share** one idea. Then allow 2-3 students to share their insights.

**Conclusion: Challenge group members to live out the session content.**

Write this quote on the board: “The beginning and end of man's rebellion against God was, and is, the lack of a thankful heart.”
Give group members a few minutes to think about this quote and then ask them to spend a couple of minutes with God thanking Him for His love despite of our rebellion and confessing to Him our rebellion and unthankfulness.


**Teaching Tip of the Week**

One of the easiest ways to help people learn has to do with the layout of the learning environment. Classrooms are often set up for lecture. There is a podium up front and the chairs are placed in straight rows. Try setting up in a U shape. This is an all-purpose set up that allows for flexibility in teaching. You can lecture, break into groups, have group members participate in face-to-face conversations, distribute handouts, and use visual media easily from this set up. Don’t be afraid to experiment. You and your group might be surprised at the results.