



King of Virtues – Part 4: His Gift of Justice

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WORSHIP

Begin your group with a time of worship. If someone in your group is able to lead worship, invite them to lead two or three songs. Alternatively, consider using one or more of these songs from our Sunday morning worship time:

- **Joy To the World (Joyful, Joyful)** (*Phil Wickham*)
- **Hark the Herald Angels Sing** (*Jeremy Riddle*)
- **O Holy Night** (*Jeremy Riddle*)

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

- Matthew 1:18-25
- John 5:30
- 1 Peter 1:17
- Romans 3:22-24
- Revelation 7:9-10
- Revelation 1:5-6

OPENING PRAYER

Start your group time with a prayer, asking God to open your hearts and minds to understand His justice and how to apply it in your lives.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

1. Jesus is a just judge who seeks to please the Father, not Himself.
2. God's justice is impartial, treating all people equally regardless of their background.
3. God's judgments are liberating, freeing us from sin and oppression.
4. Jesus is still actively pursuing justice today, both in our hearts and in society.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. The sermon mentions that "Christ isn't a heart-warming hallmark greeting card that makes me feel fuzzy inside. He's the King!" How does this perspective challenge or change your view of Jesus?
2. Reflect on the story of Solomon's judgment between the two women claiming the baby. How does this demonstrate God's wisdom and justice?
3. The sermon states, "All are equal before God's law." How can we better reflect this truth in our daily lives and interactions with others?
4. The sermon mentions that Jesus wants to "break the tyranny of the lies you believe, and the appetites that enslave you." What areas in your life might Jesus be calling you to freedom?
5. How can we, as followers of Christ, actively participate in pursuing justice in our communities and society?
6. How can we balance celebrating Christ's birth with actively engaging in His mission of justice and righteousness?

PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS

1. **Self-examination:** Take time this week to reflect on any prejudices or biases you might hold. Ask God to help you see all people as He sees them.
2. **Acts of justice:** Identify one specific action you can take this week to promote justice or equality in your sphere of influence (e.g., workplace, neighborhood, family).
3. **Prayer focus:** Commit to praying daily for those facing injustice or oppression, both locally and globally.
4. **Study:** Choose a Bible passage about God's justice (e.g., Micah 6:8, Isaiah 1:17, Amos 5:24) and meditate on it throughout the week.
5. **Group action:** Discuss and plan a group activity or project that addresses a justice issue in your community.

PRAYER

End your group time by praying for God's justice to prevail in your lives, community, and the world. Ask for wisdom and courage to be agents of His justice in your daily lives.