



Nehemiah

Week 5: What Justice Requires | Teacher: Libin Abraham

Sermon Questions for 11.2.2025

Opener

When was the first time in your life where you remember seeing/experiencing an injustice in this world?

Read

Nehemiah 5; Psalm 99:4; Deuteronomy 23:19; Leviticus 25:39; Ephesians 6:10-13; 1 Peter 3:15-18; Micah 6:8; Luke 10:25-37

Main Points

1. Injustice has been a part of the human experience ever since sin entered the story. In the face of injustice, we need to ask ourselves: what does justice require of us?
2. Roadmap for Nehemiah 5 - The Situation, The Reaction, and The Solution.
 - a. The Situation - famine, taxation, debt, oppression.
 - b. The Reaction - righteous anger, careful consideration, courageous confrontation, godly conviction
 - c. The Solution - correction, accountability, personal commitment,
3. Righteous anger is never vengeance, it's not rage, it is an appropriate response to that which is offensive to the holiness of God.
4. True repentance is not just a change of intention, but a change of direction.
5. Nehemiah had a holy conviction that the people of God must live by God and what God has spoken.
6. As we engage in the work of justice around us, our highest authority is not political ideology, social theory, or cultural consensus - our highest authority is the infallible word of God. Both our courage and compassion are tethered to the written word of God and to the living word of God who is Jesus.

Engage with God in a Group

- What has been your understanding of justice and righteousness and how these connect to your faith?
- When have you stepped into something because you felt burdened by the injustice that you were aware of?
- How might politics distract us from the importance of our faith working out in the areas of justice and righteousness?
- Where do you think God is inviting you to take a step of faith - with courage, boldness, compassion, and care - to engage in an injustice in our day?

Bottom Line

The ethics of justice are rooted in the gospel of Christ and is to be lived out among us.