



IMMANUEL CHURCH

Conversation Starter: In-Justice For All October 8, 2017

Opening Questions:

- Talk about a time you were treated unfairly, either in a large or small way. How did you respond? What happened?
- When have you seen God allow injustice in your world? What did that do to or for your faith? How did it influence the way you view God?
- Have you ever seen someone who was suffering extraordinarily but demonstrated extraordinary confidence in God? If so, how did it change the way you think about suffering and faith?

Looking at Scripture:

- Read **Luke 18:7-8...** Is it difficult for you to believe that God will one day bring about justice in the world? Why or why not?
- Read **1 John 4:7-8...** What does this passage tell us about our sense of human dignity and justice? Where does it come from? What does that mean for how we are supposed to live our lives as image-bearers of God?
- Do you agree with this statement? *When we reject God because of injustice, we don't solve injustice, we lose the definition.* What would a world strictly based on nature without an objective measure for justice look like? What would be left?
- Many people don't like talking about judgement with justice—we're uncomfortable with a judgmental God. Can you have justice without a judge though? How would that work?
- When you read **John 3:17** and see that Jesus came to save and not judge...what does that do for your understanding of God's justice and judgment? What does that tell us about God and his feelings toward us?

Application Questions:

- The bottom line from this week was **INJUSTICE ISN'T AN ARGUMENT AGAINST THE EXISTENCE OF GOD, IT'S THE EVIDENCE WE DESPERATELY NEED HIM.** How does this idea relate to our responsibility as Christ-followers? What does this mean for our priorities and actions?
- Do you struggle with the evil and injustice in the world? Does it shake your faith? This week, how might you embrace Jesus—the man whose definition of good and justice informs your definitions—and “do justice” in your context? How can this group support you? Is there something you think the group could do together?

End your time together by creating a list of the injustices currently in the headlines. Pray for each of those situations; the people and the solutions. Ask God to show your group how you can be his hands and feet this week and do justice in his name.