

GOD IS JUST



A discussion on the **Justice** of God and our purpose in His world.

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Open the discussion

Scripture

Genesis 2:26-17

And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die."

Scripture

Genesis 3:1-7

Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden?'" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'" "You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman. "For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."⁶ When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. ⁷ Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.



Open the discussion

Talk about it

From our inception humanity was created to live in a loving relationship with God and with each other.

Somewhere along the line humanity messed it all up and sin entered into the world. I think we can see this too. Sin exists here on this earth and things are not the way the should be.



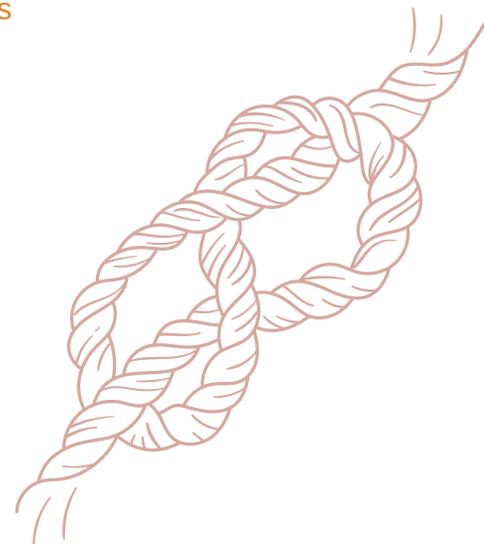
Questions

What happened in Genesis that divided humanity from God?

What happened that divided humanity from each other? [Read Genesis 3:8-13 if you need to. I call it the blame game.](#)

What does injustice look like in our world? Give examples.

Is it better to be aware of injustice or ignore it? Why? What is easier?



Our Response



Discussion

We could spend a whole lot of time trying to figure out "why" injustice is allowed, but we will probably not come up with one answer that solves everything. Let's talk about somethings we can do though.

Next we'll talk about:

What does justice look like?
How should we respond to injustice?

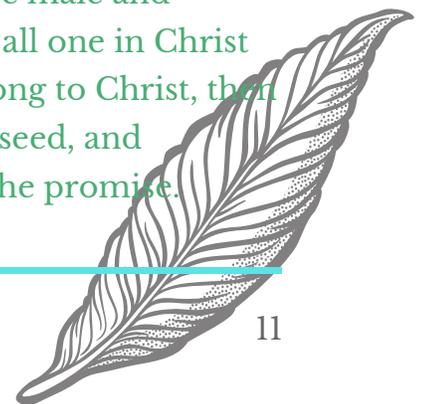
Let's look at what scripture says.



Scripture

Galations 3:23-29

23 Before the coming of this faith, we were held in custody under the law, locked up until the faith that was to come would be revealed. 24 So the law was our guardian until Christ came that we might be justified by faith. 25 Now that this faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian. 26 So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, 27 for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.



Application

Talk about it

From the scripture we see that equality is an important part of justice. Paul is saying while we might all look different, be born in different circumstances, different ages, and have different points of view we are all equal.



Questions

People should be treated equally. How can the church (even Hope) do a better job at this?

If you have a teenager or young adult in the room ask them if they feel like an equal and how it could be fixed... You'll get some great answers. If you don't have a teenager- ask yourself how the church could do a better job listening to other voices in the church.

Paul focused a lot of time on making sure people knew that they were all equals at God's table. Is there anything you can think of that the church could do a better job at.

Restorative justice can mean changing social norms or even law. Is this okay? Why or why not?

For more information on Restorative Justice
visit: bibleproject.com



Application

What do we do with this?

Scripture

Isaiah 6:1-2

The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me to proclaim good
news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the
brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the
captives and release from darkness for the
prisoners, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.



Questions

Jesus started his ministry quoting this verse from Isaiah. This is basically his mantra for his entire life.

What does this say about the importance of restoring justice and equality to the world?

This week practice looking for injustice in the world and calling it out. THIS IS HARD, but it's important.

Write these things down and pray for those experiencing injustice.

If you don't see injustice pray that it will be revealed to you so that you can be a part of the change like we are called to be.



Application

Pray together

Go over prayer requests from last week and ask for new ones to add to the prayer request.

Make sure to share praises as well when things go well.



Some other Ideas

Start a text chain, email chain, or messenger group to ask for prayer and share experiences throughout the week.

Commit to saying hi on Sundays when you see each other and ask about their week.

Prayer Ideas:

Pray for justice and list out some injustices that you mentioned in your group.

Pray for direction on what to do about these and how to bring justice.