
Date: July 11, 2021 **Title:** Calling for Justice in an Unjust World

Scripture: Isaiah 1:17, 23; 30:18; 42:1-4; 58:1-11; 61:8

What is justice?

Who benefits?

Why does God care about it?

1. _____
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
 - d. _____
 - e. _____
 - f. _____
2. _____
3. _____

How do we do it?

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

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1. How is the biblical definition of justice (*mishpat*) similar to or different from how people normally think about justice?
2. What connection does justice have with righteousness?
3. What categories of people that exist today would you add to the Bible's "quartet of the vulnerable"?
4. Why do you suppose Isaiah was so concerned about people's treatment of the poor and oppressed? What relevance does this emphasis have for us today?
5. What are the various motivations Christ-followers should have to love, respect, and give practical help to the poor?
6. Do you agree with the statement that caring about (or failing to care about) justice and the needy and doing (or failing to do) good deeds on their behalf is evidence of one's true heart commitment to God? Why or why not?
7. What examples do you see from Jesus' life that he was concerned about justice for the poor and oppressed?
8. How does the framework of thinking about justice in terms of relief, development, and reform encourage or concern you?
9. What is a specific next-step God would have you take as a result of this message?