

Going Deeper

Your weekly guide to understanding God with others

Act Justly, Act Now!

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Introduction

God wants justice to be a part of this beautiful but broken world. In the Old Testament, we find that God wants us to let justice roll like a river (Amos 5:24) and requires us to act justly (Micah 6:8). Around the world, millions of injustices happen each day. We may not be able to solve all of them in an instant, but that does not mean we, as believers, should do nothing. We have to react to His prompting in our hearts when we see injustice in our day-to-day life.

Read

Luke 10:25-37

Discuss

1. What is your definition or understanding of justice? How does acting justly look in your everyday life?
2. Read Luke 10:30-37. Why did neither the priest nor the Levite help the man who was hurt? According to the passage, why did the Samaritan help him?
3. What are the different perspectives of 'neighbour' demonstrated by the lawyer (v.29) and by Jesus (v.36)?
4. In what ways did the Samaritan help the dying man? Which form of help given by the Good Samaritan is hardest for you?
5. What is one type of injustice that breaks your heart? Do you remember the first time you felt strongly about that issue? Share your experience.
6. How have you been responding to God's prompting in the face of injustice?

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Respond

Injustice happens to people around us and we are called to react as a 'good neighbour'. Pastor Scott mentioned that to act justly is to join God at work in the world. We step out to do justice because our just God is already at work in this beautiful but broken world. As you go about your week, what is one practical step you can and will do when you see injustice?