

Closing question that sets the scene for next week's Biblical teaching of "Doing Justice in our Community"

I believe we fail when we only teach knowledge about the Bible to impart onto the members of our Churches as the only focus. Historically the greatest movements in Church have evolved due to dealing within the injustice evident around us.

- In our local community what do you perceive to be the most urgent needs in reform and action with our engagement amongst our neighbours?

GOD'S JUSTICE IN A HURTING WORLD

Sermon Series: 5 November - 17 December 2023

Study 5: How Should We Do Justice?

A study in parallel with the sermon on 3 December

Setting the Scene:

Let's revisit the definition from Tim Keller we shared in the first sermon in this series. "Biblical justice requires that every person be treated according to the same standards and with the same respect, regardless of class, race, ethnicity, nationality, gender, or of any other social category."

- Can you recall and are you willing to share your grappling with the meaning of justice in your life? Discuss this quote and its relevance in your life.

- Have you experienced a significant moment of challenge or learning within the series so far? If so, are you willing to share what the Spirit of God has shown you?

The origin of this series of sermons and studies is Steve's reading of Tim Keller's book, "**Generous Justice** - How God's Grace Makes Us Just".



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- There are many organisations who respond to the needy. How does understanding God's justice make a difference?
- Which parable of Jesus has God placed on your heart in response to live God's justice? If you can choose one can you articulate as to why?

Key questions to assess with the following Bible passages that unpack this conversation in Christ!

- Read Jeremiah 9:13-14. What are the 'baals' in life that inhibit justice in our lives today?
- Job 29:14 says, "I put on righteousness, and it clothed me; my justice was like a robe and a turban". What would being clothed in righteousness and justice look like practically?

- Read Luke 6:27-36. How do we interpret how we are called to 'love your enemies'? (v35). Where does mercy and grace fit within the practice of our faith as Jesus taught us today?
- Read the story of Zacchaeus in Luke 19:1-10. What does this passage teach you about reconciliation and radical response?
- Read Acts 2:1-12, 42-47. What does the movement of the Spirit mean in each of our lives today in response to God's justice in a hurting world? Note v42-47 for the early Christians. Is there a contrast in the world today 2,000 years later? What have we learnt or not learnt?
- Read 2 Corinthians 4:16-18. What do we make of the tension of living in the world and the eternal promise that God says He will deliver? How can we live this outwardly in strength in the world as we await the inward eternal hope of God's promises in glory?