

Steve's request:

We welcome any feedback on this series “God’s Justice in a Hurting World” developed from Tim Keller’s 2010 book, “Generous Justice.” It will remain confidential!

With grace and peace,
Steve & Cameron.

GOD'S JUSTICE IN A HURTING WORLD

Sermon Series: 5 November - 17 December 2023

Study 7: The Shalom of Justice

A study in parallel with the sermon on 17 December

Sermon Theme: Peace, Beauty, and Justice.

Bible Readings Ephesians 1:1-14; Proverbs 14:22-35; Matthew 5:3-10

The Shalom of Justice - Questions

1. Understanding God’s Peace (Colossians 1:19-20):

- How would you communicate the concept of God’s peace to someone who doesn’t share our faith, using the insights from Colossians 1:19-20?

2. Forgiveness and Justice:

- Tim Keller suggests that ‘forgiveness’ and justice are inseparable for Christians. Do you agree or disagree with this perspective? Why or why not?

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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3. Connections Between Isaiah 58:6-10 and Jesus' Teachings (Matthew 5:3-10):

- In Isaiah 58:6-10, we encounter powerful verses about true fasting. How do you perceive the connections between these Old Testament verses and Jesus' teachings and actions, especially in Matthew 5:3-10?

4. Application of Proverbs 14:22-35:

- Considering the diverse audience in Proverbs 14:22-35, including the single, community, and Kingship, how would you summarise the practical application of these verses in your life today? In what ways does Jesus influence this application?

5. Different Peace in John 14:27

- Jesus states, "I do not give to you as the world gives" in John 14:27. What do you think Jesus means by peace in Himself compared to peace in the world? How is it a different kind of peace?

6. Actions for God's Justice in a Hurting World:

- Tim Keller outlines steps for pursuing God's justice, beginning with the local Church. Reflecting on these steps (connect, be hopeful, be informed, give witness, embrace diversity, and seek growth), how can we actively engage in promoting justice within our community?

Series Concluding Questions:

Matthew 25:35-40 and Matthew 28:19-20:

- Combining the accounts of great compassion (Matthew 25:35-40) and the great commandments (Matthew 28:19-20), how do these teachings guide us in embodying Jesus' love and sharing His message simultaneously?

Personal Transformation and Understanding Justice:

- What reflections, learnings, or changes have occurred in your understanding of justice within your faith throughout this series?
How has the power of Christ's life uniquely transformed you to pursue justice in your life and within our community at KAC?