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Week Eleven: *Kingdom Culture is Just*

WEEKLY SCRIPTURES



Week Eleven Key Verse

Your kingdom is ruled by justice and fairness...

PSALMS 89:14

Daily Verses

Day 1: Micah 6:8

Day 2: Matthew 12:15-21

Day 3: Luke 18:1-8

Day 4: Luke 4:16-21

Day 5: Matthew 23:23

Day 6: Psalms 89:14

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WHAT DOES THE LORD REQUIRE OF YOU? TO ACT JUSTLY AND TO LOVE MERCY AND TO WALK HUMBLY WITH YOUR GOD.



START TALKING

- Share about an experience where you've witnessed injustice. How did it make you feel?
- Were you able to respond? If so, how?



START THINKING

The culture of the kingdom of God is a culture of justice. God's justice is on display through the cross of Christ where we were offered mercy and forgiveness for our sins. Christ's death paid the just penalty for our sins. As people who have experienced justice and mercy, we are called to offer it to the world.



WATCH VIDEO



START DIGGING

Read Micah 6:6-8, Matthew 12:15-21, Luke 4:16-21, Luke 18:1-8, Matthew 23:23

- How would you explain God's justice to someone?
- Micah tells us what the Lord requires of us (Micah 6:8). Which of the three requirements challenge you the most and why?
- In Matthew 12 Jesus fulfills the prophecy of Isaiah 42:1-2, which is about proclaiming justice to the nations. What is the significance of this fulfillment? What should our response be as Christ-followers?
- Discuss how you see Jesus fulfilling the prophecy he quotes in Luke 4:16-21.
- How does God differ from the human judge in Luke 18:1-8?
- God is just, but what is Jesus concerned with? Why?
- In Matthew 23:23 Jesus deals with the heart of the law. Why is it easier to follow the letter of the law than the heart of the law?
- Why was the heart of the law important to Jesus?



START SHARING

- What would it look like for you to keep the important matters of the law? (Matthew 23:23)
- What other scriptures motivate you to seek justice?



START SHARING, CONTINUED

- Where have you seen or experienced injustice locally?
- Why is it sometimes difficult to talk about injustice?



START PRAYING

Pray The Prayer of St. Francis

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
Where there is sadness, joy;*

*O Divine Master,
Grant that I may not so much seek
To be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand;
To be loved as to love.*

*For it is in giving that we receive;
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.*

Amen



START DOING

One way you can actively get involved with the fight for justice is through the work of organizations already in place. Check out the ministry of International Justice Mission (<https://www.ijm.org/>) and find out how you can support this justice work.



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