

1. Connect

Question of the Day. Highs and Lows. Share how last week's message influenced your week.

Last week we began to explore what it looks like to Oppose Injustice. Pastor Albert led us through Genesis, and exposed how even the sins we think have no victims on the other end, trace back to injustice. We were encouraged and challenged to confess sin, and dismantle systems of injustice. Was there any unconfessed sin that you were able to share with a friend or trusted spiritual leader last week? Were you able to take any next steps towards dismantling systems of injustice?

2. Engage: Sermon Review + Discussion

As we continue opposing injustice, read Genesis 4:1-10 together again as a LifeGroup.

As you read this passage of scripture, what words, images, or sentences stand out to you? Spend a couple of minutes making your own observations about the scripture, then share those observations together as a group.

Discussion

- Last week Pastor Albert showed us the devastating reality of what happens when Sin grows up. This week we saw the equally devastating reality of what happens when Sin gets "franchised".
- When Injustice is systemized, sin is franchised. Systems of injustice perpetually create sin, destruction, and oppression all over the world. At its core, it is designed to take life from humanity. Pastor Albert mentioned that The Church has become good at showing mercy (by mopping up the mess), but lacking in identifying the root causes of systemic injustice (by seeing where the mess is coming from). How does that resonate with you today?
- Can being a "Christian" and having biases towards others co-exist?

- Pastor Albert said as humans, we fall into systems of perpetuating injustices. In this mode, we fuel scarcity, greed, prejudice, selfishness, hate, bias, and power. As you look at this list, what is impacting your own personal struggle of “Off-brand Christianity” due to the nature of sin?
- If we cannot hear biblical truth, it might mean that we are more consumed with the voice of the elephant or the donkey (political parties), than with the voice of the Lamb. Pastor Albert urged us to surrender our political idols. Are there any political idols that you might need to surrender? What would this surrender look like for you?

3. Apply: Next Faithful Step

- Pastor Albert said we have to be a church that wakes up and fights the systems of injustices around us. It’s not enough to show mercy because God came to bring full restoration. This week, listen to the song, “Open the Eyes of My Heart.” Pray and ask God to bring revelation, to “open your eyes,” to know how to live out compassion and hope more deeply this week.
- What’s one tangible step you can take this week to fight injustice? If this question feels overwhelming, consider joining the work our church is doing to fight injustice through Fellowship’s Center for Racial Reconciliation. Our next workshop takes place on May 18th and you can sign up on our website.

4. Prayer

Take some time to hear prayer requests from each member of your LifeGroup. Pray for one another, for your families, communities, our church, and the world.

**If anyone needs additional pastoral support or prayers regarding this sermon or any other aspect of our Love Justice series, please don’t hesitate to reach out to our pastoral staff. We would love to chat more deeply and pray with you.*