

1. Connect

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

We are in the final week of our series on opposing injustice. As we look back at last week, Pastor Albert encouraged us to enter into the call of Jesus to "deny ourselves." Were there any practical ways, or areas in your life where you found yourself able to live out Jesus' command to deny yourself? Were there any tangible steps you were able to take towards fighting injustice?

2. Engage: Sermon Review + Discussion

As we continue opposing injustice, read Micah 6:8 together as a LifeGroup.

⁸He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

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

As we think through what it means to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God, consider the following questions for conversation and reflection.

- In the passage, God lays out a clear command and requirement for his people to do justice. As you think about your own life, what are some things that personally keep you from doing justice?
- Our preachers this Sunday spoke about the damaging effect of silence. Pastor Michael Lee mentioned that it's possible to "do nothing wrong, yet do nothing right." How does this quote resonate with you? When it comes to matters of justice have you just been silent? What would it look like to begin breaking that silence today?

- Pastor Michael Field mentioned that it was only through certain key relationships that he became aware of certain systemic injustices. Has a relationship in your life ever opened your eyes to injustices that you were previously unaware of or silent about? If not, why?
- Our passage connects doing justice with walking humbly with God. How do you think walking with God and doing justice might be related?
- Is there anyone in your life who you personally need to show mercy to? What would it look like for you to show mercy to that person?
- Can you reflect on a specific time in your life when you know that God showed you mercy? Talk about that in your group.

3. Apply: Next Faithful Step

- This week, think about potential people in your life that desperately need you to show them mercy. How can you begin to do that this week?
- Continue to reflect on the areas and times in your life when God has shown you mercy. When we fail to show mercy to others, it's usually an indication that we have lost touch with the mercy that has been shown to us by God.
- Is there an area of injustice that God might be calling you to break your silence about? This week, what is one thing you can do to step out of silence and begin to speak out against this injustice? Do that thing this week.

**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.*