What Does the Bible Say About JUSTICE

SUMMARY | Justice is a buzzword in our culture, and conversations about justice often lead to disagreement and sometimes breaks in relationships with those we love. As a result, when we see the word justice in the Bible, we often interpret the Scriptures based on cultural ideas of what it is. But what if we pause this week and pretend we've never seen the word before? How would we define justice if we only had the Scriptures to show us what it means?
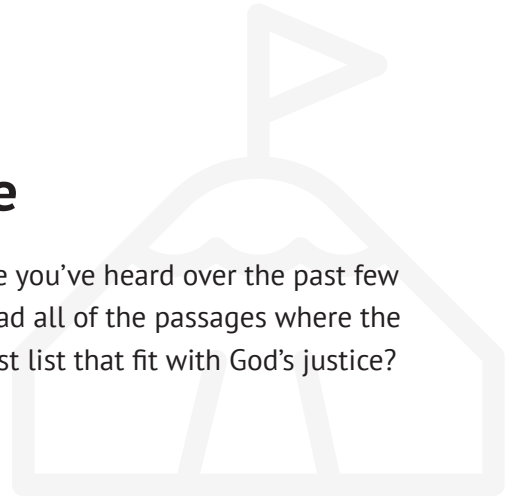
This Week's Discussion Questions

1. What are some different ways in which the word justice is used in Scripture? (e.g., Micah 6:8; Genesis 18:19; Deuteronomy 1:17; 1 Samuel 8:3; Psalm 89:14; Isaiah 53:7–8; Matthew 12:18–21; 23:23–26; Romans 3:21–26).

2. Who are the vulnerable groups of people God defends and fights for in the Bible? (e.g., Deuteronomy 10:18–19; Psalm 82:3; Isaiah 1:17; Jeremiah 5:28).

3. What is significant about how the word justice is connected to the word mercy in the Bible? (e.g., Micah 6:8; Matthew 23:23–26).

4. How do the Scriptures define injustice? (e.g., Micah 1:5; 2:2–11; 3:1–11; 6:11–16).

5. What might it look like today to fight for justice and defend those most vulnerable?

Challenge

Take time to write down all the ideas about justice you've heard over the past few years. Look up the word justice in the Bible and read all of the passages where the word is mentioned. Are there any ideas on your first list that fit with God's justice? Any that don't fit?
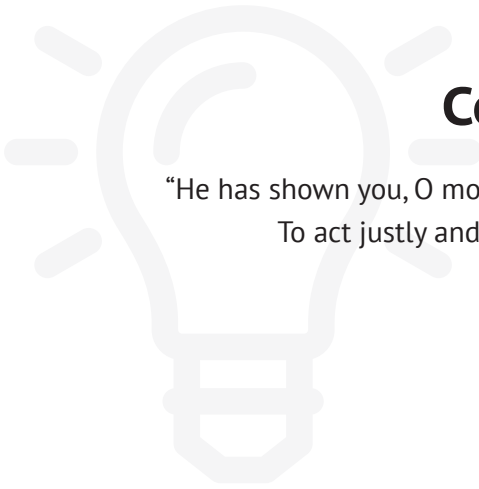
Commit To Memory

"He 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."

Micah 6:8

Prayer

Justice-keeper, You are a God who defines and defends justice by caring for and defending the most vulnerable. Help us to be like You and join You in defending the cause of the orphan, the widow, the stranger, and all those in our lives who are in need.

Amen.

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