

BE JUST. KIND. HUMBLE.

WEEK 1: DOING JUSTICE

**God, help me see
through your eyes.
Help me feel with your
heart.
Give me your thoughts.
Let me act in a way that
is totally reflective of
you.
Show me what justice
truly means. Amen.**

WEEK 1: SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

READ MICAH 6:8; Isaiah 58:1-9a

Micah 6:8 - What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God.

Isaiah 58:1 Shout loudly; don't hold back; raise your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their crime, to the house of Jacob their sins.

2 They seek me day after day, desiring knowledge of my ways

like a nation that acted righteously, that didn't abandon their God.

They ask me for righteous judgments, wanting to be close to God.

3 "Why do we fast and you don't see; why afflict ourselves and you don't notice?"

Yet on your fast day you do whatever you want, and oppress all your workers.

4 You quarrel and brawl, and then you fast; you hit each other violently with your fists.

You shouldn't fast as you are doing today if you want to make your voice heard on high.

5 Is this the kind of fast I choose, a day of self-affliction,

of bending one's head like a reed

and of lying down in mourning clothing and ashes?

Is this what you call a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord?

6 Isn't this the fast I choose:

releasing wicked restraints, untying the ropes of a yoke,

setting free the mistreated, and breaking every yoke?

7 Isn't it sharing your bread with the hungry and bringing the homeless poor into your house,

covering the naked when you see them,

and not hiding from your own family?

8 Then your light will break out like the dawn,

and you will be healed quickly.

Your own righteousness will walk before you,

and the Lord's glory will be your rear guard.

9 Then you will call, and the Lord will answer;

you will cry for help, and God will say, "I'm here."

GETTING STARTED

- Welcome each other.
- Inquire as to anyone who is missing. Any follow-up needed?
- How do you relate to the divisiveness described in the beginning of the sermon?



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SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- How did the sermon expand your idea of justice?
- According to Isaiah, what happens when doing justice is driven by expectations of God in return? What happens when we give up these expectations?
- Pastor Rob asks us, "So what does it mean to do justice...?"
- What challenges arise when we do justice?
- How are mercy and justice related?
- Give one or two examples of how you might translate the abstract notion of "doing justice" into practical action in your everyday life?

PRAYER REQUESTS

