



discussion starters.
November 15th. | God is...Just

We invite you to take the content of our Sunday Morning worship hour, and discuss with a friend, your family, or your LIFEgroup each week. This is meant to be a guide for your discussions and can be used as a launching point or complete study outline. Feel free to choose all, many or even just one that will work best for your LIFEgroup.

SUMMARY.

God sees every wrong and is making all things right, while holding everyone accountable for their part. Whether it comes from a place of comfort, fear, or just not wanting to make waves, it's easy, even instinctual to remain uninvolved. God hears & God sees every wrong, and He responds. He is tracking the sin and wrong in each generation, including the ones that are passed on. He sees wrong, and makes it right in and through us.

And because God is just, He doesn't just clear the guilty, He will deal with sin, wrong, injustice in each & every generation & person. God holds everyone accountable for their part.

Though God's judgement & punishment are real things to be fearful of, notice His abounding love & faithful-ness is maintained to thousands...

The point: God's mercy & love far outweigh His justice. God's mercy satisfies His justice... in Jesus.

Jesus makes us alive, makes us new creations, sets us free. We no longer need to be held captive by the sins of our parents, the mess we grew up in or other things that shaped who we are. He is making all things new.

As we've been transformed by the power of Jesus, we are simultaneously called to be the ambassadors, the representatives of Jesus' transforming power in others. God sees every wrong, and He is making all things right, not only holding us accountable, but also calling us to enter in through the life changing & wrong- righting power of Jesus.

A SCRIPTURE TO READ.



6 And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, "The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness,⁷ maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation.

Exodus 34.6-7

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them.

2 Corinthians 5.17-19



B QUESTIONS TO ASK.

1 What are some ways you and your family experience the sins of previous generations?

2 What are some examples of how God's mercy and love have triumphed over justice?

3 How can this character of God be shown through us? What does it look like for The Holy Spirit to work through us to show how loving and just He is?

4 See Section C for more applications for this week.

C APPLICATION | CHALLENGE.

What wrong hurts you?

What does a Jesus-like justice and righteousness look like in addressing this hurt?

What is God speaking to you about? What is He calling you to do?

We would love to hear your highlights from this discussion so please email us at office@avonwesleyanchurch.com or text us at **585-622-4575**.

D ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES & RESOURCES.

Visit our webpage www.avonwesleyanchurch.com/lifegroups for more resources and to watch bonus content.

These additional resources include videos from The Bible Project, another for our younger kids, and a video to help adults, in explaining and showing grace to kids.

E QUESTIONS FOR FAMILIES WITH KIDS.



- 1** What is Justice and how is God just?
- 2** What are some things that seem “wrong” to you? What do you think God feels about it?
- 3** What do you think God wants you to do, to help bring His love and justice to those situations?

F QUESTIONS FOR AWC YOUTH GROUP.

- 1** What are some ways you have experienced the results of sin in previous generations?
- 2** Pastor Pete mentioned that we are responsible for our response, our role in bringing justice to the situations/results of previous sin. What do you think about that? What is an example?
- 3** How is God Loving, Gracious, Faithful, and Just all at the same time? How is God calling you to carry out His justice and love today?
- 4** See Section C for more applications for this week.