



Micah 6:8

*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.*

Week #4: Love > Injustice

:: All people are created with [VALUE](#) and [DIGNITY](#).

Genesis 1:26-27

*Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness,
... So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God
he created them; male and female he created them.*

1 John 4:9-10

*This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and
only Son into the world that we might live through him.*

:: [INJUSTICE](#) is anything that seeks to strip a person of their worth.

:: The love of God compels us to [PURSUE](#) reconciliation.

2 Corinthians 5:18-20a

*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. And he has committed to us the message of
reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though
God were making his appeal through us.*

Isaiah 1:17

*Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the
cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow.*

Jeremiah 22:3

This is what the LORD says: Do what is just and right. Rescue from the hand of the oppressor the one who has been robbed. Do no wrong or violence to the foreigner, the fatherless or the widow, and do not shed innocent blood in this place.

:: Building bridges positions us to RESTORE dignity.

Psalms 33:5

The LORD loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his unfailing love.

So What?

“It’s not enough that our hearts are different, our cities should be as well.”

Our cities and world will be different as we...

:: Proclaim FREEDOM.

LOVE > BONDAGE

:: Demonstrate COMPASSION.

LOVE > APATHY

:: Act as agents of HOPE.

LOVE > DESPAIR

:: Seek to restore DIGNITY.

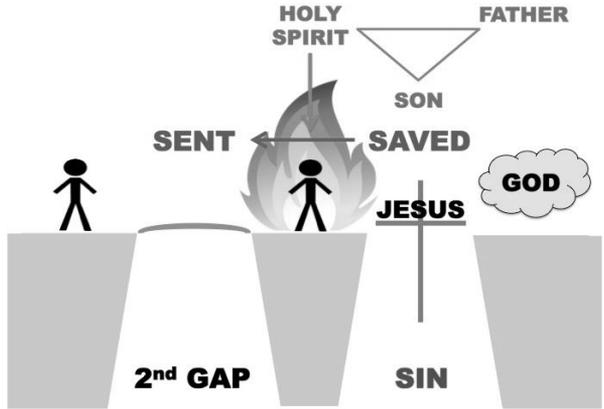
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Ephesians 5:1-2

Follow God’s example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

What will you do today to GO.BE.LOVE?

NOTES:



“Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.”

- Martin Luther King Jr.



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How to start a relationship with Jesus:

- 1) Admit that you, like everyone else, are a sinner.
- 2) Ask for forgiveness from God.
- 3) Start a relationship with God by trusting in Jesus as Savior and Lord.

You can do that right now by simply talking to God in a prayer like this:

Dear Lord Jesus: I know I am a sinner, and I ask for your forgiveness. I believe you died for my sins and rose from the dead. I trust and follow you as my Lord and Savior. Guide my life and help me to do your will. I give all I am to all of you. In your name I pray, amen.

For Further Reflection:

- :: *What about the message this week did you find interesting?*
- :: *Pastor Justin defined injustice as “anything that seeks to strip a person of their worth.” How would you define injustice?*
- :: *What are some areas of injustice that you can identify in the world around us?*
- :: *Read Isaiah 1:17, Jeremiah 22:3 and Micah 6:8. What do these verses display about God’s character and heart for justice?*
- :: *Take a moment to re-read 2 Corinthians 5:18-21. What do you think it means that God has committed to us the message of reconciliation?*
- :: *What are a couple of things from this Go.Be.Love. series that you can seek to live out over the next 12 months?*
- :: *Who can you share this commitment with so that they can be praying for you?*



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