



WEEK 1: Do Justice – Biblical Justice

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Bottom Line: Biblical Justice is living righteously before God and courageously making others' problems my own.

Video: **VIDEO ONE:** www.YouTube.com/CompassStudentsOnline - **VIDEO TWO:** [Biblical Justice](#)

Preparation: Mom and/or dad, take time to prepare well for this spiritual experience with your son or daughter and perhaps their friends. Proper preparation includes reading through this guide, setting up a comfortable environment, preparing the videos, materials (*everyone will need a Bible, pen and notebook/journal*) and snacks, and prayer. It also includes giving your participants time to prepare as well. Let them know in advance what you want to do and then remind them a few minutes before your start time so that they are ready too.

Interactive game/activity: Name that Tune – Disney Movie Soundtrack Trivia

- @Home Activity: [Superzoom](#); Using this [link](#), students will guess the animal as the photo zooms out.

Transition Questions: (This would be a good time to break out the snacks)

- Everyone likes when things are fair. How were things in this activity either fair or unfair?
- In your opinion, which animal is the most regal and spectacular? Why? What makes them so?

Video teaching

Set-up: *“Today we start a new series titled “Do Justice.” Before we start the video let me ask you, “How would you define the word ‘Justice’?”*

“Let’s watch this week’s teaching video.”-

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Ice Breakers:

- If you could have any one super-power to fight injustice in this world, what would it be?... where and how would you use it?

Discussion Starters:

- What stood out most to you about today's summary of Justice?
- As a group, define the word "Justice" and describe what justice looks like today.
- Where do you see injustice or the need for justice most evident in... Your School?... Our Community?... Our Country?... Our World?

Scripture: Isaiah 1:13-17; 24-26

Isaiah was a prophet that brought bad news from God's to Israel. God wasn't please with Israel's worship, sacrifices, prayers or other religious acts. In fact, these made him angry. Read Isaiah 1:13-17 and 24-26 to discover why God was so angry and what he wanted from his people.

¹³ *Stop bringing meaningless offerings! Your incense is detestable to me.*

New Moons, Sabbaths and convocations— I cannot bear your worthless assemblies.

¹⁴ *Your New Moon feasts and your appointed festivals I hate with all my being.*

They have become a burden to me; I am weary of bearing them.

¹⁵ *When you spread out your hands in prayer, I hide my eyes from you;*

even when you offer many prayers, I am not listening. Your hands are full of blood!

¹⁶ *Wash and make yourselves clean. Take your evil deeds out of my sight; stop doing wrong.*

¹⁷ *Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed.*

Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow.

²⁴ *Therefore the Lord, the LORD Almighty, the Mighty One of Israel, declares:*

"Ah! I will vent my wrath on my foes and avenge myself on my enemies.

²⁵ *I will turn my hand against you;*

I will thoroughly purge away your dross and remove all your impurities.

²⁶ *I will restore your leaders as in days of old, your rulers as at the beginning.*

Afterward you will be called the City of Righteousness, the Faithful City."

Digging Deeper:

- Why was God so angry with Israel in this passage?
- How did God demonstrate his anger toward Israel? (*He hides his eyes and ears from them and turns his wrath and hand against them to purge them of sin and injustice.*)
- What does God expect from his people? How should they respond? (*Look at verses 16-17.*)
- How are we (God's people, the church) like Israel? (Be as specific as you can here.)

- What do you think God expects of us?
- Look at verse 26. What is God's desire and plan for his people; both Israel and the church? What do you think this would look like today? How could the church be a "faithful city?"

Application:

- What did you learn today about Justice according to the Bible? What questions do you still have about God's view of Justice after today's lesson?
- Close your group time asking God to help you better understand justice and his desire for justice in our world, country, community, and your school.

Closing activity & prayer: choose 1 of the following options for the whole group together.

- Singing: Together sing Move, by Jesus Culture (<https://youtu.be/BYfso90zhHw>)
- Journal Response: Pull out your notebook or journal and create a list of injustices in our world, country, community and lives that you believe God wants to make right. Then use this list as a prayer prompt for Justice this week.
- Scripture Response: Read and memorize 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."
- Prayer: encourage students to use their notebooks to record prayer requests and pray for the group members throughout the week.
 - How can we pray for justice in the world around us today?
 - How can we pray for justice in the lives of our church family and friends today?
 - How can we pray for justice for you and our family today?
 - CLOSE IN PRAYER.