

Text: Genesis 1:26-28; Micah 6:4-8

Genesis 1:26-28 (along with the rest of the Bible) provides the motivation and the model to pursue human rights and social justice.

The Motivation for pursuing Biblical justice:

- Because every person was created by God and in the image of God, each person is worthy of freedom, respect, and dignity.

- Bearing God's image means to reflect and represent the character and purposes of God in this world.

A few verses that speak to Biblical justice (Leviticus 24:22; Deuteronomy 24:14-15; Proverbs 14:31; Proverbs 31:8-9; Zechariah 7:9-10; 1 John 3:17)

Reflecting and representing the character and purposes of God means pursuing His heart for justice.

The early Church was known for their care for the most vulnerable in society.

Micah 6:4-8 breaks down the false dichotomy between the Gospel and Social Justice.

- Act justly
- Love mercy
- Walk humbly with your God

In the Bible, being always precedes doing. And doing always follows who God has made us to be.

**This template is for groups who continue to gather this summer while weekly, sermon-specific life group questions are not being provided.*

Pray: Lay down any distractions, control, fears, etc. that will keep you from fully engaging in your time together.

Looking Back:

What has God been teaching you lately as you've been applying what you're learning about Him?

Looking up:

What about the sermon was challenging, helpful, new, or interesting to you?

Did this sermon cause you to think about any other related Scriptures?

How does this sermon most speak to how you can grow in: Loving God; Loving one another; or Making His love known?

How did this sermon press you into prayer? What did God show you in prayer?

Looking forward:

What step of action is God calling you to take based on this study? How can our life group pray for and support you?

Prayer: How can we be praying for one another? How can we be praying for those in our lives who are far from God but near to us relationally?