

Week 7 –Justice

Coaching Video: bit.ly/FCWeek7

Note: this study is 85 minutes. To shorten, take out the ice breaker or choose just 2-3 questions from the OIA section.

INTRODUCTION (17 MIN)

Debrief the Week (4 min)

Last week, we studied costly compassion in Luke 10, and committed to responding as a community to extend compassion.

Share: What was that experience like for you as we joined together to show compassion?

Vision + Objective (1 min)

We have all been complicit in upholding and contributing to unjust systems and practices, but we acknowledge reality, repent, and work for justice. We are called to mirror God's heart and participate in God's mission to make all things right in our world. Pursuing justice is integral for true flourishing.

Ice Breaker (12 min)

Watch the [Bible Project Video about Justice](#).

Share in pairs or as a large group: What stood out to you from the video?

Pray to transition.

BIBLICAL REFLECTION (20 MIN)

Passage Background

- Amos is a prophet, speaking on behalf of God, condemning the Israelites for not living rightly. This is during a time of relative peace, but their idolatry has led to neglect and exploitation of the poor.

Read Amos 5:10-24

Observation:

- What are the charges and the consequence? The expectations and the promises?

Interpretation:

- The Israelites are religious, yet God despises their religious practices. Why?
- What does God's anger towards the Israelites' actions (and inaction) teach us about God's character and view of justice?

Application:

- How do we today practice religion yet neglect justice? What would it look like to do what God values and desires from us?
- What connections do you see between the video and this passage?

RESPONSE (48 MIN)

Activity (30 min)

Invite someone to come and share about a justice issue that impacts your community (campus, city, etc.). Ask about ways that college students can address these injustices.

Guest Sharing: ~20 min

Open Q&A: 10 min

Debrief Questions (10 min)

- What stood out in the presentation? Did anything surprise you? Confuse you?
- Who are the major parties involved in this injustice and what are their interests?
- How is this speakers/organization addressing the injustice?
- How do their efforts and mission line up with God's desire for justice?
- What new questions did it raise?

Action Steps (5 min)

- **Collective:** Brainstorm how your community can address a particular justice issue on your campus long-term. Engagement can vary: educate, protest, fundraise, advocate for policy, volunteer, mobilize others, etc. Partner with student orgs on campus addressing this issue; invite others to join you.
- **Personal:** How can you incorporate justice engagement into your life as an act of worship and discipleship?

Prayer (3 min)