



## Small Group Discussion Questions Following the Weekend of November 21-22, 2020

Please don't feel you have to answer every question.

### ***Healing Justice & Immigration: A Case Study*** **Alan Kraft, Lead Pastor**

#### **Icebreaker**

With Thanksgiving coming up this week, what are you most looking forward to?

What will be a bit different than in previous years, and what traditions are you looking to continue?

Which food item are you most eager to enjoy, and which will you take a pass on?

#### **Group Interaction & Application**

Read aloud Isaiah 58:1-14.

What words, phrases, or insights stand out to you from these verses, or create some intrigue for you ... specifically verses 11-14?

What uniquely spoke to you from Pastor Alan's message, or perhaps raised some questions or created some push-back for you?

What have you found yourself reflecting on the most from this current series of messages on “*Healing Justice*,” and/or what have you begun doing differently or thinking differently about as a result?

Where are you eager – or at least open – to wrestling with things further?

In general, how have you tended to respond to the issue of the immigration of undocumented people up to this point, and what emotions has this created for you?

As we’ve been learning throughout this series of messages, there are two aspects of God’s justice. There is the retributive side of God’s justice: He upholds right and wrong, and He punishes evil. But there is also the compassionate side of God’s justice: He sides with the vulnerable, the oppressed, and those who have no voice.

Read Romans 13:1-5. What does this say about God’s retributive justice as it relates to undocumented immigrants? Considering this, why are laws important?

Read Deuteronomy 10:17-19. What does this say about how we are to respond to sojourners, and why?

If you were to put yourself in the shoes of an undocumented immigrant in a difficult situation financially, safety of family, etc. what would you do?

In his message, Pastor Alan shared some ideas from the Evangelical Immigration Table ([evangelicalimmigrationtable.com](http://evangelicalimmigrationtable.com)) that could help us envision a solution that embraces both aspects of God’s justice.

Review and list these principles here:

How well do you feel these would advance God’s healing justice in our country?

What is God stirring in your heart in response to this week’s message and group discussion, and what are you going to do about it?

Conclude by praying for one another in applying this week’s insights and Spirit-promptings, as well as for general needs and concerns.

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