



May 28, 2023 – Sermon Discussion Questions

Ask the group members the high and low point of their week.

RECAP MESSAGE

1. Jesus came to liberate the oppressed
2. Jesus will come a 2nd and final time to bring justice
3. We have a role now faithfully resist any form of injustice and to be sacrificial in our love

DIG A LITTLE DEEPER

1. Name a time when you recently experienced something that wasn't fair. Can be light-hearted or serious! How did the emotion of anger play a part in that situation?
2. Read Luke 4:16-21 out loud as a group
 - a. Why do you think Jesus made it a priority to tell people at the beginning of his ministry that he cares about the marginalized?
 - b. Imagine yourself, as best you can, as a marginalized person hearing this. What would you hope the good news Jesus talks about was?
 - c. How is Jesus' life, death, and resurrection good news for those on the margins of society?
3. Read Isaiah 61:1-3 out loud as a group
 - a. Is the verse that Jesus quotes in Luke. Why do you think Jesus leaves out the part about "the day of vengeance?" Why does Isaiah include it?
 - b. From the old testament to the new testament, God makes his heart for the marginalized clear. Do you feel like you share this same heart? Why or why not?
 - c. Do you see injustice as an issue Christians should be concerned about? Why or why not?
4. Read Romans 12:17-21 out loud as a group
 - a. In Romans, Paul gives Christians a road map for how to respond to evil and injustice. What about this list of responses comes easy to you? What about this list of responses is harder for you to practice and why?
 - b. Is there a marginalized person or people group that God has put you in proximity to and that you have the potential to love in practical ways? Is there an organization that you know of that works to fight injustice that you feel drawn to?
 - c. If not, what might it look like for you to seek that out? How can you live out faithful resistance and sacrificial love?

CLOSING

1. Spend time in prayer for each other. If you feel led, you can pray specifically for the marginalized people mentioned in the previous questions. If the group is struggling to name those groups of people, you can pray that God would give you proximity to people experiencing injustice.