

# Hillcrest Life Groups

Sermon Discussion Guide

Sunday, November 1, 2020



Has Christianity Been Complicit in  
Injustice?

Amos 5:21-24

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## **Get to Know You**

What is your biggest pet peeve?

## **Study the Book**

Read Amos 5:21-24

What did God despise in these verses?

Why is this significant in light of the worship practices of the Israelites in the Old Testament?

What does God desire according to these verses?

## **What Justice Is Not**

How did Pastor Tom describe the cultural left and right's view of justice?

How does Proverbs 10:4 and Proverbs 13:23 critique these views?

## **What Justice Is**

### *Practice Radical Generosity*

Read Job 29:14-16

How do verses 15 & 16 define the metaphor of wearing righteousness and justice?

### *Pursue Universal Equality*

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Biblical justice requires that every person be treated according to the same standards and with the same respect, regardless of class, race, ethnicity, nationality, gender, or of any other social category.

Tim Keller

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How did Jesus demonstrate that every human was made in the image of God?

### *Engage in Life-Changing Advocacy*

Read Proverbs 29:7

Why does God value a concern for justice rather than simple alleviation of needs?

## *Repent of Personal and Corporate Responsibility*

Why would Ezra and Daniel (Ezra 9 and Daniel 9) feel compelled to repent of past national sins they did not commit?

### **Group Application and Discussion**

How has the church contributed to/ignored but at other times upheld justice in American history?

### **Personal Reflection and Application**

In what area do you need to take action as you grow in justice:

- Practice Radical Generosity
- Pursue Universal Equality
- Engage in Life-Changing Advocacy
- Repent of Personal and Corporate Responsibility