



Hill Cliffe Study Guide
Sunday 12 November 2023
The Justice of Jesus
#1 The Kingdom Come

1. What impacted you most from Sunday's sermon?
2. What comes first to your mind when you think about the word, justice?

The bible story is clear that it is ultimately only under the rule and justice of God's Son, Jesus, that humanity can be truly rescued from our bent towards selfishness and injustice and restored to live in just and right relationships with God and one another – in the strength and reliance on God's Spirit.

3. What do you think about this statement, and how does it make you feel?

Please read Micah 6.8-14

4. What does this passage teach us about God's definition of justice?
5. Why is doing justice paired with loving mercy and walking humility with God?
6. How is God's justice being experienced by God's people in response to their injustice?

Please read Psalm 146.6-10

7. What does this passage reveal about how God does justice?

In the Old Testament there are 4 types of vulnerable people: orphans; immigrants; widows; and the poor, whom God repeatedly instructs his people to ensure special attention is given so that justice will be done for them in society.

8. Which people in our society are most vulnerable in a similar way, and require our special attention so that they might receive justice and equal opportunity to flourish?

Please read Isaiah 9.6-7; Luke 4.16-21; Matthew 11.2-4 (*His manifesto is made manifest*)

9. Jesus comes to establish the Kingdom of God on earth as it is in heaven, "*upholding it with justice and righteousness*". What does justice look like in Jesus' Kingdom?
10. Alec Motyer writes, "*In the bible, righteousness is a relational word. It refers to the day-to-day living in which a person conducts all their relationships in family and society with rightness - doing right by God and others. Those in right relationship with God through the mercy and grace of Jesus are compelled to be in right relationship with others.*"
 What do you think? How does this speak to you?

Please read Luke 5.12-13

11. How does this encounter reveal the character of Jesus' sense of justice?