

GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

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DO JUSTICE

Part 1: Identity

Genesis 1:27, Zechariah 7:9

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NOTES

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Open with prayer. (2-5 min)
2. Share your story: *When you meet someone new, what's something you try to weave into the conversation about yourself?* (7-10 min).
3. Read Genesis 1:27; Zechariah 7:9
4. Discuss these questions with your group. (20-45 min)

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. (Genesis 1:27)

Part of your identity is shaped by who you reflect. What influential people do you reflect? In what ways do you reflect God?

Thus says the Lord of hosts, Render true judgments, show kindness and mercy to one another, do not oppress the widow, the fatherless, the sojourner, or the poor, and let none of you devise evil against another in your heart. (Zechariah 7:9)

Part of your identity is shaped by what you do, namely acts of kindness, compassion, and the pursuit of justice. What would someone say about who you are by observing what you say and do?

What types of injustice ruffles your feathers because of who you are? Is that issue energized by an experience? What types of reconciliation and restoration are you drawn to?

LIVING IN 4D

Find someone with whom you disagree on a justice issue, and try to fully understand his or her perspective on the subject. Your goal is *understanding without agreement*, without offering any commentary. You want this person to get to the point where they say to you, "Yes, you get it!"

Looking back at your notes from this week's message, was there anything you heard for the first time, stuck with you, challenged or confused you?

What is the one important thing you will take away from this weekend's message or our community group discussion? Is there any challenge, difficulty or praise that you would like to share with the group for prayer?



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