

Forgiveness and Justice

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Text: *Psalm 85:10; Habakkuk 3:2; James 2:13; 1 John 1:9*

What is Justice?

- Justice according to our _____.
- The _____ with justice.

God's Justice

- God's justice _____.
- The goal of God's justice is _____ not punishment.

Seeking God's Justice

- The necessary _____ of God's justice.
- Leaving our keen desire for _____ with God.

Life Enrichment

What about today's teaching challenged, disturbed, or encouraged you?

- What are some injustices you've experienced? Was there any way society or family could have protected you? Did justice ever happen?
- Why do you think we easily associate justice with punishment?
- What sort of problems do you see with the type of justice we experience in our society? Are there remedies? If so, what are the remedies?
- How is God's justice different from our society's justice?
- How does the cross change the goal of justice? Why do you think reconciliation is a better goal?
- Why can forgiveness be one-sided, but reconciliation cannot?
- Why is it vital to leave our desire for punishment/vengeance with God? How do the "Imprecatory Psalms" (3, 5, 7, 35, 55, 58, 59, 69, 79, 109, 137, 139) help us learn to express our emotions/desires before God?