



## Who Needs God Part 5: In-Justice For All

We all want to rid the world of injustice. But we can only recognize injustice if we know what justice is to begin with. But maybe the best way to rid the world of injustice is to rid the world of God. The problem is, we don't always agree about what is just. So, who gets to define justice if not God? When God is gone, injustice leaves with him because justice leaves with him.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

What part of Sunday's message stood out to you? Was there anything you disagreed with or that encouraged you?

*"Evil and injustice are not arguments against the existence of God. They are evidence that we need God—his mercy and grace."*

### Scripture - 1 John 4:7-8; John 12:47; Luke 18:7-8

Context: The accounts of the life of Jesus were written by John and Luke. They wrote down what Jesus said and thought about justice and injustice, about love and truth.

- When have you seen God allow injustice in your world? What did that do to or for your faith? How did it influence the way you view God?
- Why do we assume that if there is a God, he must be good and just? Where did you learn that knowledge of "good" and "just"?
- Jesus introduced the justice-and-dignity-for-all version of God. How is this different than our natural tendencies as human beings? How can this version of God create conversation and opportunity with our friends and family who need to know God?
- Read **1 John 4:7-8**. What is the writer saying? What did it mean to the audience at the time? How can you apply it your life?
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- Read **Luke 18:7-8**. What is the writer saying? What did it mean to the audience at the time? How can you apply it your life?
- Evil and injustice are evidence that we need God—his mercy and grace. What step will you take this week to experience his mercy and grace? AND what step will you take to be a funnel of God's mercy and grace to those in your group? To those who need to God?

### MOVING FORWARD

If anyone had a reason to stop believing in God because of injustice, it was Jesus. The man who stands at the center of all we believe was treated extraordinarily unfairly. The man who taught us all people have inherent value was executed. The man whose definition of good and just informs your definitions of good and just was treated unjustly. Evil and injustice are not arguments against the existence of God. They are evidence of our need for his mercy and grace.

## **LIVE IT OUT**

**Memorize:** 1 John 4:7–8

**Journaling:** Take some time this week to write down all the ways you've experienced the love of God.

**Prayer:** Ask God to give you an opportunity to demonstrate his grace and mercy to someone this week.

**Accountability:** Text someone in your group, "How have you demonstrated God's mercy and grace today"?