

Social justice is a difficult topic to tackle because it covers issues that can hit close to home. It calls for equality and the dignity of every human life. But it's important to note that justice isn't defined by society, it is defined by our God who is just. Our call as believers is absolutely to seek justice for the destitute, but never in a manner that loses sight of the eternity of the ones we are seeking justice for. This week pray that God will give you opportunities to fight for justice in a manner that magnifies Christ.

Deuteronomy 32:4

Romans 5:1

Micah 6:1-8

Psalm 82:3

Isaiah 1:17

1. What is social justice for the majority of people? (Everyone deserves equal economic, political and social rights and privileges. It is the redistribution of resources and power to the oppressed and the oppressors must be identified and blamed)
2. How can social justice cause division in the church? (It can cause people who are all co-heirs with Christ to rise against one another. It focuses on groups rather than the individual which demonizes people and assigns blame for unequal outcomes)
3. What is biblical justice? (It is an attribute of God. He deals with sin)
4. How does Jesus' sacrifice for us fulfill God's justice? (He took on the punishment we deserve for our sin. We stand completely innocent before God, not because our sins are ignored but because Jesus' death and resurrection fulfilled the requirement of justice)
5. How are we supposed to interact with justice as believers? (Our God is just and He wants His people to be just. Every culture since Eden has struggled with injustice. In this fallen world God wants us to be dispensers of justice. We must look at justice through the gospel on an individual level)
6. Who are the ones we should seek to provide justice for? (Those who are weak, afflicted, and destitute and the widows and orphans)
7. What are the dangers of the "social gospel?" (It over emphasizes social justice. This means it ignores eternity to make people comfortable with creation while ignoring their relationship with the Creator)
8. What is the end goal of biblical justice? (Seeing lives transformed to God eternally. We are called to pursue justice with eternity in view)