

15. "Justice"

⁶ He is the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them— he remains faithful forever. ⁷ He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets prisoners free, ⁸ the Lord gives sight to the blind, the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down, the Lord loves the righteous. ⁹ The Lord watches over the foreigner and sustains the fatherless and the widow, but he frustrates the ways of the wicked. -Psalm 146:6-9

¹² because I rescued the poor who cried for help, and the fatherless who had none to assist them. ¹³ The one who was dying blessed me; I made the widow's heart sing, ¹⁴ I put on righteousness as my clothing; justice was my robe and my turban. ¹⁵ I was eyes to the blind and feet to the lame. ¹⁶ I was a father to the needy; I took up the case of the stranger. ¹⁷ I broke the fangs of the wicked and snatched the victims from their teeth. -Job 29:12-17

¹² Then Jesus said to his host, "When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴ and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous." -Luke 14:12-14

⁸ Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. ⁹ Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy. -Proverbs 31:8-9

Watch the video from The Bible Project **Justice** prior to or at the start of the study.

- 1. Can you think of a time you (or someone close to you) experienced an injustice based on how the Bible Project video describes "injustice"? (idea: perhaps you can draw from you or your parent's immigrant story if it applies)
- 2. Read Psalm 146:6-9 and Job 29:12-17. How do these verses define righteousness and wickedness? Was this different from how you might have defined these words prior to this study? How and why?
- 3. Read Luke 14:12-14. For whom does Jesus' heart seem to naturally move towards both in this text and throughout his entire ministry? How did the video speak to how Jesus' life represented God's heart for justice and His response to injustice?
- 4. Read Proverbs 31:8-9. The Bible is clear on what the applications of God's justice are for us. Do any of these particular commands speak to you? Are there any you would like to act on or improve?