

DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

Our Mission: Reaching out to leaders who can change the world.

God: Discover His Character

Lesson 9 – God Is Just

INTRODUCTION

Rule of law (justice) is a hot button issue now, especially in regard to sanctuary cities. In our past it was slavery. Why is it so hard to figure out what is the right (just) thing to do?

OBSERVATION/INTERPRETATION

Note: As we consider the Character of God that “He is just,” we should ask throughout the study, “What is justice and how does God feel about justice?” Isaiah 61:8 says “For I, the Lord, love justice.”

Read Genesis 18:23 - 19:16

1. What title did Abraham give to God? (v. 25) Why?
2. What audacious response does Abraham give to God's "sneak preview"?
3. Why is Abraham so bold with God? So concerned with Sodom and Gomorrah?
4. Do you think he influenced God's decision? Why do we get to listen in on the conversation?
5. What sins had the people committed to earn such destruction? How is that different today?
6. Why did God spare Lot and his family?
7. What does the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah reveal about God's justice?
8. How have you experienced God's longsuffering? His justice?

Read James 2:1-4

9. What attitude and behavior is James denouncing in this passage?
10. Is this verse contrary to social protocol or ceremony? Explain.
11. How is this behavior unjust?
12. What does this passage reveal about God's character?
13. How have you erred in this way or been on the receiving end?

APPLICATION

- What friend or family member needs to be told that God is a God of justice? How might you tell them?
- No one can work up to righteousness because it begins with purity. It comes out of holiness; it does not reach up to holiness. How can you be holy so that your decisions are “naturally” just?

Gen 15:6

And that's it. Eventually God will bring everything that we do out into the open and judge it according to its hidden intent, whether it's good or evil. Ecclesiastes 12:14 (The Message)

Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. Galatians 6:6, 7 (NASB)