

Injustice: So many issues, so few of us

opening our eyes



Reflect on the previous session on human suffering and share what you've been thinking about or doing since then.

Warm-up question: What has motivated you to get involved in confronting an injustice, however small?

finding our hope



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Bible discussion (20 mins):
John 8:2-11

In the Old Testament, when injustice arises, the prophets challenge the people to live up to their responsibilities towards God and each other. They repeatedly link knowing God and worshipping God with living justly (Micah 6:8; Amos 5:21–24). Jesus brings a similar reminder to the powerful religious leaders of his day – the teachers of the law and Pharisees. He exposed how they applied the law in ways that oppressed and controlled people, as in this passage where a woman is accused of adultery.

Discuss:

- At the start of his ministry Jesus announced that he had been sent “to proclaim freedom...to release the oppressed” (Luke 4:18). In what ways does this story reflect this?
- What can we learn from how Jesus responds to the various people in this story: the religious leaders and the woman accused of adultery?



DVD film and discussion: Session six

(30 mins)

In this clip, Ana Alvarez, talks about seeking justice for the indigenous Wichi people in Argentina, Shannon Hopkins talks about her involvement in The Truth Isn't Sexy campaign, and Ann-Marie Wilson shares about her commitment to ending female genital mutilation (FGM). You might like to make a mental note (or jot down reminders) of any words or ideas that you find particularly striking so you can discuss them with the group.

loving God's world 

In what practical ways are you already responding to injustice? Are there other ways you might like to further respond? There are some suggested activities in the course guide.

For next week

Use this space to write down anything your group commits to do to prepare for the next session.

Prayer

Servant Christ,
help us to follow you
into the place of quiet
to intercede for the confused, the despairing,
the anxiety driven,
to prepare ourselves for costly service with you;
Servant Christ, help us to follow you.

Amen.

(Prayer from India)

