

10. Is there a difference between our response to injustices meted against ourselves and when they are meted against others?

11. When is it right to 'turn the other cheek' (Read Matthew 5: 38-42 and 1 Peter 2:21-23) or to get involved (Read Proverbs 31:8-9)? (5 minutes)

★ What in the life of our Church shows this Mark matters to us? (2 minutes)

★ How is this Mark reflected in our worship? (1 minute)

★ What more could we do as a Church to live this Mark? (10 minutes)

★ Who else in our community does this? How can we help them? (3 minutes)

In a moment of silence, reflect on an area of injustice that you are aware of. Ask God to show you how to respond. Pray for opportunity to illustrate this mark of mission. (5 minutes)

(In preparation for next week's meeting, the last in our series, be gently reminded to reflect on the following passages: Genesis 1:26-31; Genesis 2:15,19-20; Psalm 65; Romans 8:18-25; Revelation 22:1-5; Matthew 6:25-31; Mark 6:30-52.)

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The time allocations are suggested to facilitate completion of your group session in one hour

Getting to know you (7 minutes)

1. Introduce yourself to the group.
2. As you read the news – what is it that makes you most disturbed or angry?

Mark 4 – to seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation.

3. Share an example where the church or others have successfully worked against injustice. Why did it work? (2 minutes)
4. What does the word 'justice' mean? (1 minute)

Divide into three smaller groups (1 minute) and have each group look at one of the following passages from the Old Testament. Each group should ask:

5. What are people offering to God and what does he value instead?
(4 minutes)

Isaiah 58:1-10

Micah 6:6-8

Amos 5:21-24

Reconvene the larger group. (1 minute) Share each group's answers in the larger group (2 minutes) and ask:

6. What injustices God would condemn in our world today?
7. How should these injustices shape our mission as a Church?
(2 minutes)

Read Luke 9:20-26. This passage paints a picture of God's upside-down values.

8. Talk about the pairs of behaviours that result in blessings and the pairs of behaviours that result in woes – what do they teach us about what God values? (5 minutes)

9. How do the following passages illustrate Jesus' teaching?

Matthew 23:23-36 (3 minutes)

Mark 10:13-27 (3 minutes)

Luke 19:1-10 (3 minutes)