

Group Reflection Questions

1. How would you define the word justice?
2. What would it mean for us to pursue justice in the world?
3. How are the sins of the soldier, tax collector, and crowd repeated in our own time?
4. What does the phrase mean “The Good News is good news for everyone or it’s good news for no one.”
5. How can you seek justice in your life?
How can FPC seek justice?

The Social Justice Stream: John the Baptist, Luke 3:1-20

The call comes from John the Baptist just like it comes for the prophet Amos hundreds of years earlier: A right relationship with God requires right living. As followers of Jesus we are to be people who seek out justice. More specifically the Bible holds up certain people who need protection—widows, orphan, aliens, and the poor. What do these groups have in common with one another? They all are without a voice. They don’t have anyone to speak up for them. In the Old Testament those who take advantage of these people are treated with extra punishment.

The Good News should be the Good News for everyone. In a society where followers of Christ hold power, everyone should be treated with justice. Those who are without should not be abused. Those with power should never abuse it and when they do they should be brought into line. The God we worship is a God of justice. Our social lives cannot be separated from our life of faith. Our Good News should be Good News for everyone, not just for us.