

A group of people, seen from behind, standing in a circle with their arms around each other's shoulders. They are in a room with framed pictures on the wall. The image is dark and serves as a background for the text.

COMMUNITIES RESOURCES

The Just God

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Welcome

These resources serve as a practical guide to sit alongside our preaching series *The Just God*, at Christ Church West Green. Our prayer is that this resource provides ways for us to go deeper into our shared faith, making life-giving connections between what we believe in our heads and the postures of our hearts: particularly in Communities.

Why The Just God?

Justice is a key Biblical idea that should shape how we live, worship, and share life together. As we form as a community, our prayer is that this series shapes us into people seeking the justice, grace and mercy of God for our church, for West Green, for the UK, and for the world.

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The God Who Loves Justice

Genesis 18:16–33; Luke 4:16–21

Summary

Justice is not an optional concern for Christians but something rooted in the very character of God. Abraham encounters a God who hears the cries of the vulnerable, while Jesus announces good news for the poor and freedom for the oppressed. Justice is therefore not simply a political issue or something we leave to others; it is part of learning to care about what God cares about. To follow the God of justice is to allow his heart for the world to reshape our own.

Discussion Questions

- What comes to mind when you hear the word “justice”?
- How does seeing justice as part of God’s character change the way we think about it?
- Where do you see a gap between the world as it is and the world God desires?
- Where might God be inviting you to care more deeply about what he cares about?

When Justice Rolls Like a River

Amos 5:18–24; Luke 6:20–26

Summary

The prophets repeatedly challenge the idea that we can worship God while ignoring injustice around us. Amos exposes a society where religious activity continues alongside exploitation of the poor, while Jesus announces blessing for the poor and challenges those who are comfortable. God is concerned not only with what happens inside our churches but with how our economic lives affect others. Justice invites us to examine our consumption, our assumptions about wealth, and the people whose lives are affected by our choices.

Discussion Questions

- What do these passages reveal about God's attitude towards poverty and wealth?
- How difficult do you find it to connect your faith with your spending and consumption?
- Where might our lifestyles unintentionally contribute to the hardship of others?
- What practical step could you take towards greater economic justice?

The Stranger at Your Gate

Deuteronomy 10:17–19; Matthew 25:31–46

Summary

Scripture repeatedly commands God's people to care for the stranger because God himself loves the outsider. Jesus takes this even further, identifying himself with those who are hungry, thirsty, homeless and excluded. Hospitality is therefore more than being friendly; it is a spiritual practice through which we encounter Christ in people who may otherwise remain strangers to us. Justice widens our circle of concern and asks whether our communities reflect the generous welcome of God.

Discussion Questions

- Who do you instinctively think of as “the stranger” in our society?
- What makes hospitality difficult or costly?
- How does Jesus' identification with the outsider in Matthew 25 challenge us?
- What could it look like for us to become more intentionally hospitable as individuals or as a church?

Blessed Are the Peacemakers

Isaiah 2:1–4; Matthew 5:9; Ephesians 2:14–18

Summary

Biblical justice is not simply about correcting wrongs; it is about the restoration of relationships. Isaiah imagines a world where weapons are transformed into tools of life, while Jesus calls his followers to become peacemakers. Paul describes Christ himself as our peace, breaking down hostility and creating one new humanity. Peacemaking begins close to home — in our families, friendships and communities — but stretches towards the wider conflicts and divisions of our world.

Discussion Questions

- What is the difference between being a peacekeeper and being a peacemaker?
- Where might God be inviting you to pursue reconciliation in your own relationships?
- Why is peacemaking sometimes harder than simply avoiding conflict?
- How might our Christian hope shape the way we respond to conflict and violence in the wider world?

The Earth Is the Lord's

Genesis 1–2; Colossians 1:15–20

Summary

Creation belongs to God. Genesis presents the world as something God calls good, while Colossians reminds us that all things were created through and for Christ. Caring for creation is therefore not an optional extra but part of our response to the Creator. Environmental justice also affects people differently, particularly those who are most vulnerable. To care for the earth is to honour God, love our neighbours and live as stewards rather than owners of what ultimately belongs to him.

Discussion Questions

- What difference does it make to think of creation as God's possession rather than ours?
- Where do you see connections between environmental issues and justice for people?
- What makes sustainable choices difficult in everyday life?
- What is one change you could make personally, and one change we could consider as a church?

A New Heaven and a New Earth

Isaiah 65:17–25; Revelation 21–22

Summary

The Christian vision of justice ultimately looks beyond what we can achieve now to God's promise to make all things new. Scripture ends not with escape from creation but with its renewal: mourning ends, death is defeated, creation flourishes and God dwells with his people. This future gives us hope without making us passive. Instead, we are invited to live now as a preview of the kingdom that is coming — pursuing justice, restoration and peace without carrying the burden of believing we must fix everything ourselves.

Discussion Questions

- What stands out to you about the biblical vision of the world being made new?
- How is Christian hope different from simply being optimistic about the future?
- How might believing that God will ultimately restore all things prevent us from either giving up or burning out?
- What could we do as individuals or as a church to become a preview of God's coming kingdom?

Thank You

Thank you for engaging with this Communities Resource for the *The Just God* series. If you have any feedback or questions then please do get in touch with Chris at chris.brees@ccwg.church.

