



The Two Feet of Love

Icebreaker Question: What is your favorite summer activity?

Opening Question: Looking back to last week's sermon and scripture... How did you live differently or practice what we talked about in your life this week? What did you do and how did it go?

This Week's Scriptures:

Isaiah 1:15-17

¹⁵ "When you spread out your hands in prayer,

I hide my eyes from you;

even when you offer many prayers,

I am not listening.

Your hands are full of blood!

¹⁶ Wash and make yourselves clean.

Take your evil deeds out of my sight;

stop doing wrong.

¹⁷ Learn to do right; seek justice.

Defend the oppressed.

Take up the cause of the fatherless;

plead the case of the widow."

Amos 5:21-24

²¹ "I hate, I despise your religious festivals;

your assemblies are a stench to me.

²² Even though you bring me burnt offerings and grain offerings,

I will not accept them.

Though you bring choice fellowship offerings,

I will have no regard for them.

²³ Away with the noise of your songs!
I will not listen to the music of your harps.
²⁴ But let justice roll on like a river,
righteousness like a never-failing stream!"

Matthew 23:23-24

²³ "Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices—mint, dill and cumin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law—justice, mercy and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former. ²⁴ You blind guides! You strain out a gnat but swallow a camel."

Scripture Reflection Questions: Read this week's scripture together and discuss the following:

- What role should justice for the vulnerable play in the life of a believer and the mission of the church?
- What might "your hands are full of blood" symbolize in today's context?
- What does God's refusal to listen to prayer in verse 15 tell us about the connection between our worship and our daily lives?

Sermon Reflection Questions: Reflecting on this week's sermon, discuss the following:

- Which of the two feet of love (justice or charity) do you find easier to step into? If neither, how can you begin to take a first step?
- Share a time when you received justice or charity and what that experience meant for you.

Closing Question and Application: Given what we've discussed together today, how might God want you to apply these learnings to your life or in the life of your community this next week? Who might you share this with?

Closing group prayer: Spend a few minutes together in your group sharing prayer requests and then praying together for each other. Take the challenging parts of your conversation to Jesus. Thank God for the time together, the conversation shared, the other people in the group, and for encouragement in the week ahead.