

WHO NEEDS GOD

PART 5: In-Justice For All

INTRODUCTION

We all want to rid the world of injustice. But we can only recognize injustice if we know what justice is to begin with. But maybe the best way to rid the world of injustice is to rid the world of God. We don't always agree about what is just. So, who gets to define justice if not God? When God is gone, injustice leaves with him because justice leaves with him.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Talk about a time when you were treated unfairly, either in a large or small way. How did you respond? What happened?
2. When have you seen God allow injustice in your world? What did that do to or for your faith? How did it influence the way you view God?
3. Have you ever seen someone who was suffering extraordinarily but demonstrated extraordinary confidence in God? If so, how did it change the way you think about suffering and faith?
4. *"When we reject God because of injustice, we don't solve injustice, we lose the definition."* Do you agree with that statement? Why or why not?
5. Read Luke 18:7-8. Is it difficult for you to believe God will one day bring about justice in the world? Why or why not?
6. Do you struggle with the evil and injustice in the world? Does it shake your faith? What is one thing you can do this week to embrace Jesus, the man whose definition of good and just informs your definitions? How can this group support you?

MOVING FORWARD

If anyone had a reason to stop believing in God because of injustice, it was Jesus. The man who stands at the center of all we believe was treated extraordinarily unfairly. The man who taught us all people have inherent value was executed. The man whose definition of good and just informs your definitions of good and just was treated unjustly. Evil and injustice are not arguments against the existence of God. They are evidence of our need for his mercy and grace.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.

1 John 4:7-8