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session page

What is Justice Anyway?

Isaiah 42:1-9 | Session 9.02

Before the Session

Facilitator: In advance of the session

- Have the Bible Background Video ready to view.
- Review today's scripture text and the session activities to help better facilitate the discussion.
- Encourage your group to listen to the Faithelement podcast ahead of the next session (Share the link via email or social media)

Context (From the Current Session Page)

Share [this story](#), and [this one](#), about judges who gave out unusual sentences and ask:

- How do you feel about these stories and why?
- To what degree do you think Justice was done by the judge who pronounced the sentence?
- What would have been the most just way to punish each of the individuals in these stories, and why?
- What do you think is the relationship between laws, as they are written, and true "justice?"

Content (From the Mind Session Page)

Read Isaiah 42:1-19, then watch the Bible Background Video and ask

- What would “justice” mean to the original audience for this scripture?
- In what ways might they have imagined God’s justice coming?
- Look at the description of the servant in verses 1-4. How will he bring about God’s justice and how do you think this compared to the kind of “hero” the people were looking for in that time?
- How do we see Jesus’ ministry reflected in this description of the servant?
- What kind of hope does God’s servant offer for those who feel nearly broken or burnt-out (v.3)?
- What “credentials” does God offer in verse 5 and why might God begin this promise by recalling what God has already done?
- For these refugees who felt God had abandoned them, what comfort does God offer in this passage?
- What will the relationship of the first listeners be to the other people of the world?
- Taken as a whole, what vision of justice is offered by this passage?

Closure (from the Media Session page)

Tell the group: *In an area of Canada, the police decided to take drastic measures to bring justice to all regarding drunk driving. I would like to point out that the police have apologized to the rock band since instituting this brand of justice.*

Play the Nickelback video and ask:

- How much punishment do you think drunk drivers should receive, in general?
- What do you think of their brand of justice and why?
- What do you think God’s view of their brand of justice would be?
- How would our idea of justice and mercy change if we viewed life seeing all people as in God’s image even if they break laws and/or enjoy Nickelback?

Close in prayer