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## What is Justice Anyway?

Isaiah 42:1-9 | Session 9.02

### Before the Session

Facilitator: In advance of the session

- Review today's scripture text and the session activities to help better facilitate the discussion.
- Have the Bible Background Video ready to view.
- Encourage your group to listen to the Faithelement podcast ahead of the next session (Share the link via email or social media)
- Place multiple unlit candles on a central table. One candle should be designated a 'Christ Candle' and be larger than the rest.
- Arrange your chairs in a circle or other configuration that promotes a sense of community.
- Provide a copy of the handout "quotes" for each person.

### Context

Read aloud Isaiah 42:1-19 then play the Bible Background Video

In today's session, the group will explore their understandings of justice and be encouraged to look within themselves to find that instance of justice denied that most calls to their hearts.

## Reflection

Start by having a volunteer light the Christ Candle and lead the group in an opening prayer.

- Often the work of justice is characterized as loud, active and possibly even violent. In what ways have you seen people 'work for justice' that follows this particular script?
- To what degree are these the best means for bringing justice in the world?

Encourage volunteers to read each of the provided quotes, then ask:

- Which quote captivated you most?
- What thoughts did it prompt for you?

While the group sits silently in prayer, invite each person to call to mind a situation – personally or globally – that demands justice, and, in silence, light a candle from the Christ candle to represent their concern. The situation may be named or not.

Voice a benediction once everyone has had a chance to light a candle.

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