THE 6:8 ASSIGNMENT: ACT JUSTLY

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**Life Group Discussion Questions:**

1. As you reflect on this week’s sermon, was there a particular point or passage that you found confusing? Anything that stood out to you or challenged you?
2. Read **Proverbs 20:3, 24:23, 31:9.** These verses talk about justice and rights (the Hebrew word *mishpat*)**.** Derek said, “The meaning for the word *mishpat* is to treat people equitably…to give people their rights.” What groups of people do you see being treated inequitably?
3. Read **Psalm 33:5; Psalm 97:2; Psalm 106:3**. Derek said, “Most of the injustices in the world are not our fault, but that doesn’t mean they’re not our responsibility.” He gave many examples of injustice. Which ones really pierce your heart? Why should we be concerned if our hearts are not moved for these injustices?
4. Read **Job 31:16-19**. The Bible calls Job a “righteous” man and you can see his character in how he treats the vulnerable with both mercy and justice. How can you, like Job, love and act in such a way that demonstrates that all people have equal value?
5. Read **Mark 1:14-15** and **Luke 4:18-19.** What is the kingdom of God and how can is come on earth? How can you personally or your group collectively use your resources to become “Kingdom-bringers”?
6. Derek noted three “A”s—Apathy, Awareness, and Action that affect our ability and desire to live out God’s plan for justice in our world. Which is the biggest hindrance for you?
7. Application: What’s your assignment?
   1. Make a plan to build your awareness of one vulnerable group this week. In the midst of your busy life, take a few minutes to research the needs of this group. Ask God to show you one way to bring His Kingdom to this group.
8. Challenge: Derek reminded us, “I can’t correct all the injustice in the world but I can do something.” As one worship song states, ask God to “break my heart for what breaks Yours” and resolve, in God’s power, to do something.

**Prayer Thought:** Jesus, you are the Light of the world. I confess that I have too often hidden in the darkness instead of bringing your light of justice to those around me. Thank you for another chance to use what You have given me to bless others. Show me how to bring Your Kingdom to someone this week.

**Series Memory Verse:** *“He has shown you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.”* **Micah 6:8**