

Connect Group Notes

Sermon: Righteousness in a world that demands Justice

Reading: Ecclesiastes 4:1-3 and Isaiah 42:1-7

Date: 21st July 2024 (AM)

Introduction

Have you had any answers to prayer in the last week? Any opportunities to talk to someone about the Lord? Any encouragements from your Bible reading? Spend a few minutes sharing personal prayer requests and pray for one another.

How familiar are you with the secular ideology of social justice – perhaps in your workplace, through the media, etc? Are there lessons or positive challenges in this for us as followers of the Lord Jesus? Are there pitfalls?

Read Ecclesiastes 4:1-3 and Romans 3:10-18, 21-26

Injustice is not a uniquely modern problem. How do Solomon's words in Ecclesiastes describe our world today?

According to the Romans verses what is the root cause of all injustice/unrighteousness in the world and how can the unrighteous be made right with God?

Read Matthew 12:14-21.

*How would the Lord Jesus bring justice? Consider the *scale* of His mission and the *manner* in which He would bring justice. How can we better show those around us that Christ's way is way of true justice and life?*

'The gospel changes people, and changed people change society'. (John Stott, *Issues Facing Christians Today*) Do you agree/disagree with this? What are the implications for us as a church and as individuals?

Pray

For us to be courageous in sharing Christ in our daily lives; for opportunities to do so this week.

For those in the church family facing serious health issues.