



## 6:8 Time wk1: Do Justice

**Introduction:** Just like composers write music to be played with certain rhythms and emphasis, God has designed us to live with certain emphasis' as well. One of them involves justice. God cares about justice and His people being people who act justly. Unfortunately that term has become divisive in our culture, even for some churches; but what would happen if we took the Biblical mandate for justice seriously?

### Discussion Questions

1. Do you have any rhythms or routines that if you weren't to do them, it would feel like you just weren't yourself?
2. Is there a difference between social justice and justice? Why has that term become so contentious even in some church cultures?
3. **Read Micah 6:6-8** There is a call and response in these verses. The people know they are guilty but they ask what they can do or how much they can sacrifice to please God. Micah's response is "you already know;" act justly, love mercy, and to walk humbly with God. How should the people have already known that? Does this still apply since it was in the Old Testament?
4. **Read Matthew 23:23-24** In the middle of a section where Jesus is blasting the Pharisees, he talks about justice. Can you think of examples where we emphasize things at the expense of more important matters? Can someone do what Jesus commands, yet miss what he wants?
5. How is God's justice demonstrated in the cross of Jesus? Where is the equality in that? How should the cross put to death the idea that one group is superior to another?
6. We often understand justice in terms of the law/legal system (justice system)-we see it as punishment for the transgressor. What would it mean to "act justly" if we aren't the ones punishing wrongdoing? Or better – how can we stand for those who have been marginalized in tangible ways?

**Shaping Your Mind** –*He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly<sup>[a]</sup> with your God. – Micah 6:8*

**Moving Forward** – Observation = Opportunity Where can you see an opportunity to act justly?