



Questions for Home Church or Reflection
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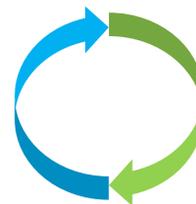
God chooses some to facilitate justice for all

Text: Deuteronomy 10:12-22

If you did not meet last week or have sermon-related discussion, start with this: Summarize briefly the extent of your engagement with issues of race and justice over the past several months. How does the prospect of a sermon series on justice make you feel?

1. What did you learn about God and his relationship with Israel from this passage / sermon? Why did God choose Israel as his special people? How were they called to respond?
2. How would you describe white privilege? Or privilege in general? Do you have privilege? How have you seen the idea of privilege at work in your life (where you either benefited from it or were hurt by it)?
3. Is it helpful to think about Jesus in terms of privilege? What does he do with his privilege? (See Philippians 2:5-8).
4. Do you consider salvation a gift? How might your status as God's forgiven child shape your work for justice?
5. Jonathan Nicolai-deKoning writes, "Being a person of privilege doesn't mean you're evil; it means you have work to do." (<http://dojustice.crcna.org/article/uncomplicated-whiteness-privilege-repentance-and-work-justice>) What sort of work might you be called to do? Who might God be inviting you to develop a relationship with?

As you close, consider: What is one thing God is saying to me today? How will I respond? How can my Home Church support me in this response?



Pastor Cara's suggestions for further study:

1. Check out the BibleProject's helpful videos about the Image of God and Justice: (<https://bibleproject.com/explore/image-god/> <https://bibleproject.com/explore/justice/>).
2. Andy Crouch's book, *Playing God: Redeeming the Gift of Power*, is beautiful, challenging, and inspiring. His understanding of power connects image bearing, injustice, idolatry, privilege, and many aspects of doing justice.

Here are a couple of introductions to white privilege from the CRC's publication, *The Banner*:

1. Editorial by Shiao Chong - <https://www.thebanner.org/departments/2017/01/stand-together>
2. Essay by two Calvin University employees - <https://www.thebanner.org/features/2017/01/confronting-white-privilege>

The CRC's Do Justice blog also has several entries about privilege (and, as you would expect, many other entries about different facets of justice, often from a Canadian perspective): <http://dojustice.crcna.org/>