



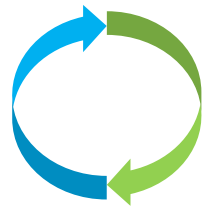
Questions for Home Church or Reflection
Faith Church Burlington, October 4, 2020

God will not rest until justice and righteousness flourish

Text: Amos 5

1. Review (optional): In this series we have talked about image-bearing (Genesis 1:24-31) and the gift of privilege for the sake of helping the vulnerable (Deuteronomy 10:12-22). Did any new thoughts arise about these ideas over the past couple of weeks?
2. In Amos 5: Why is God angry at the people of Israel, and what is his response?
3. We have been taught to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly (Micah 6:8), but we often fail. What are some reasons Christians fail to work for justice with the passion of God? Which reason resonates most in your life?
4. What does the refrain "No justice, no peace!" mean to you? What might it mean to God?
5. How do Jesus' words and actions demonstrate, "Let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream" (Amos 5:24)?
6. "Hope has two lovely daughters: anger and courage" (Augustine). When you think about the work of justice, what gives you hope? Is anger appropriate in the context of injustice? Which specific acts do you need courage for?
7. Do you think God is calling Faith Church toward a particular sphere of justice work?

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?



For further reading: In 2015, the CRC's Do Justice blog did a long series about being Pro-Life in the broadest sense of the word (pro-unborn, pro-immigrant, pro-indigenous, pro-creation, etc). I find this perspective on being pro-life as a consistent ethic of life, "from womb to tomb," very helpful.

<http://dojustice.crcna.org/series/what-being-pro-life-means-me>