Pacific Growth Group Sermon Questions Week of May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Sermon Series: Justice & The Pursuit of God** 

Sermon Theme: "3 Movements of a True Advocate"

Primary Text(s): Exodus 2:11-15

## **Read Exodus 2:11-15**. From your reading and reflection on this passage:

- a. What adjectives would you use to describe Moses?
- b. How do you believe you would have reacted if you were Moses?
- c. Share your thoughts on the response of the Hebrew man who started the fight?
- d. Describe your thoughts on Pharaoh's response in verse 15.
- 1. As a group, talk about your first recollection of someone doing something to you that you perceived to be unfair. How do you respond to this "injustice."
- 2. Share your thoughts on how churches in western Canada respond to injustices that emerge around us.
  - a. Are the responses of our churches leading to justice and righteousness flooding creation?

## 3. True Advocates Move with Concern and Compassion.

- a. Prince mentioned that Moses not only grew in age from verses 10 to 11, but he grew in maturity, which resulted in him growing in concern and compassion for the enslaved Israelites.
  - Discuss approaches local churches may employ to grow in their concern and compassion for the vulnerable and suffering?
  - Formulate a plan for your group to incorporate one of the approaches that you discussed in response to the question above.
- b. Moses' concern and compassion led him to going out to see the plight of the people of Israel.
  - Has God been stirring your heart recently with concern and compassion for an injustice that you have observed in our

society? If so, share with each other the circumstances involved in this injustice.

## 4. True Advocates Move Wisely.

- Moses was rightly angered when he saw his fellow Israelite being beaten by an Egyptian, but he responded unwisely by killing the Egyptian.
  - Talk about an experience from your life when you were rightly frustrated, but you responded in a less than ideal manner? How did you navigate the ramifications that you faced because of your "unwise" response?
  - Share your perspective on the posture(s) churches should take when engaging in transformative justice work to ensure that they don't cross the line into being unwise.

## 5. True Advocates Move in Faith in God's Plan(s).

- a. Throughout biblical history, there are countless examples of God rendering justice for those who place their faith in His plans.
  - Give your opinions on which biblical story of God serving justice on behalf of his people builds your trust in Him the most.
  - Share your recommendations on how believers should navigate the call to seek justice continually and the call to be dependent on God for His strategy on how justice should be realized?