

The Justice of God

FCC Life Group Discussion Notes

Part 5: In the "Into the Depths of God" Series of Matthew Rogers

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Opening Prayer

- Thank God for being perfectly just, fair, right, and true in all His ways.
- Ask Him to help the group trust His character even when life feels unfair or hard to understand.

Ice Breaker

What is one story (book, movie, or real-life) where you really wanted justice to be done—and how did it turn out?

Key Scripture

Deuteronomy 32:4 (CSB) – *Ask a group member to read aloud.*

The Rock—his work is perfect; all his ways are just. A faithful God, without bias, he is righteous and true.

Sermon Summary

Because God is just, He will always do what is fair, right, and true. Justice is central to who God is, so we can trust Him even when we do not understand what He is doing. The cross of Jesus shows that God is both just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Him.

Discussion Point 1: Justice Is Central to Who God Is

Scripture: Deuteronomy 32:3-4 (CSB) – *Ask a group member to read aloud.*

For I will proclaim the Lord's name. Declare the greatness of our God! The Rock—his work is perfect; all his ways are just. A faithful God, without bias, he is righteous and true.

Point Summary:

Moses described God as the Rock whose work is perfect and whose ways are always just. Unlike human justice, which can be flawed by mistakes, bias, or incomplete information, God's justice flows from His perfect character. His laws and commands express who He is.

Suggested points for prayer is given in each prayer section and are up to the discretion of the leader.

Discussion Questions:

1. When have you seen human justice fall short in a way that left you wishing for something better?
2. How does knowing that justice is part of God's very nature shape the way you think about the rules and instructions He gives?

Discussion Point 2: We Can Trust God Even When We Don't Understand What He Is Doing

Scripture: Romans 12:19 (NIV) – Ask a group member to read aloud.

Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord.

Point Summary:

There are times when God's justice is not immediately clear to us. Innocent people suffer and wrongdoers seem to prosper. God does not ask us to pretend evil does not matter; He asks us to trust Him as the Judge who will make things right in His time.

Discussion Questions:

1. Share a time when something felt unfair and you struggled to understand what God was doing. What helped you keep trusting Him?
2. What does it look like practically to "leave room for God's wrath" instead of trying to settle the score ourselves?

Discussion Point 3: The Cross Shows Us That God Is Both Just and the Justifier

Scripture: Romans 3:25-26 (NIV) – Ask a group member to read aloud.

God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness... so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

Point Summary:

God's justice requires that sin be dealt with. At the cross, Jesus paid the penalty so that God remains fully just while also declaring righteous everyone who puts their faith in Him. God's justice will always be satisfied—either through Jesus or through our own accountability.

Discussion Questions:

1. How does the picture of God as both just and the justifier give you hope when you think about your own failures?
2. What is one practical way you can “run to the cross” this week when you feel the weight of something you have done wrong or something done wrong to you?

Wrap-Up

God’s justice is perfect because it is who He is. We can trust Him when life does not make sense, step out of the judge’s chair, and run to the cross where the Judge of all the earth made a way for guilty people to be declared righteous. As Deuteronomy 32:4 reminds us, all His ways are just.

Challenge

This week, when something feels unfair or hard to understand, pause and intentionally trust God’s character instead of trying to fix it yourself. If you have never received Jesus by faith as the one who satisfies God’s justice for you, talk with a group member or leader about taking that step.

Closing Prayer

- Thank God that His justice is perfect and that He never overlooks any wrong.
- Ask Him to help each person trust Him more deeply and to keep pointing others to the cross.
- Pray for anyone carrying the weight of past injustice or personal guilt, that they would find rest in Jesus.

Sources used for these notes:

Ai used the sermon transcript provided by Matthew Rogers (First Christian Church, Warsaw, IN – “The Justice of God”) and reviewed by Jack Wilhite in the creation of these notes. Scripture quotations were drawn directly from the sermon text (CSB and NIV as cited in the sermon).

Handout

Life Group Handout: The Justice of God

Key Truth to Remember

Because God is just, He will always do what is fair, right, and true.

Main Verse

Deuteronomy 32:4 – “The Rock—his work is perfect; all his ways are just...”

Three Takeaways

1. Justice is central to who God is.
2. We can trust God even when we don’t understand what He is doing.
3. The cross shows God is both just and the justifier.

Personal Reflection

- One situation where I need to trust God’s justice instead of taking matters into my own hands:

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- One way I can “run to the cross” this week:
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Action Step

- ☐ I will choose to trust God’s character this week when something feels unfair.
- ☐ I want to talk with someone about receiving Jesus by faith.