

# LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

## Let's Talk About Justice

Romans 3:1-8

**Additional passages:** Deuteronomy 29:29; Proverbs 1:7, 2:1-8, 3:5-6; 2 Peter 1:3-4. Job 42:1-6, Psalm 139, Romans 11:33-36.

**Additional resource:** John Piper, "Are There Two Wills in God?" Divine Election and God's Desire for All to be Saved.

**Introduction:** In his introduction, Pastor John said, "For the Christian, justice will be the biggest nut to crack. If there is a loving, all powerful Creator, why tolerate all the injustice when You have the power to do something about it, but you do not...and by allowing injustice to continue, suffering continues?"

### Questions:

1. Have you spent much time considering this question from the introduction above? If so, what additional questions/thoughts does it raise for you?
2. What does Deuteronomy 29:29 teach us about what is true when we do not fully understand something?
3. What does 2 Peter 1:3-4 teach us about God's provision for our need in the arena of life's big questions?
4. Take time to read and discuss the following verses: Proverbs 1:7, 2:1-8, 3:5-6. What do these verses teach us about how the fear of the Lord is connected to wisdom? What do these verses teach us about how we can grow in wisdom?
5. If you are learning a skill and you do not understand something fully as you are working on it, what do you do? As you seek to understand justice, the problem of evil, God's sovereignty, God's goodness, and related topics, what would it be good for you to study further?
6. The Bible teaches that:
  - a. God is sovereign over situations where evil occurs (Deut 32:39, 1 Sam 2:6-7, Isaiah 45:5-7).
  - b. There is no evil in God (Psalm 5:4).
  - c. God alone is self-existent and sovereign (Acts 17:24-26, Rom 11:33-36); just and righteous (Psalm 11:7, Rev 16:5); holy (1 Sam 2:2, Is 6:3, 1 Pet 1:14-16); good (Psalm 119:68, James 1:17), and loving (Eph 3:17-19, Rom 8:35-39).
  - What is encouraging/comforting about these truths?
  - What about them is hard to understand and embrace?
7. Take time as a group to pray for God to give you all of the wisdom and insight we can understand with our minds. Take time as a group to pray for you to trust God's plan for what is beyond our understanding.