

Classic Books

- “Jesus and the Disinherited” by Howard Thurman
- “Why We Can’t Wait” by Martin Luther King Jr.
- “The Cross and the Lynching Tree” by James Cone
- “Let Justice Roll Down” by John M. Perkins

The Church and Race in America

- “The Color of Compromise” by Jemar Tisby
- “Divided by Faith” by Christian Smith and Michael O. Emerson
- This Little Light of Mine: The Life of Fannie Lou Hamer by Kay Mills

Other Books

- “Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Man” by Emmanuel Acho
– A great basic Q & A about discussing race.
- “Reading While Black” by Esau McCaulley (A book about historic black Bible interpretation. – A little more difficult than others.)
- “Just Mercy” by Bryan Stevenson (or the movie)
- “Rediscovering an Evangelical Heritage” by Donald Dayton and Jim Wallis

Justice Related Websites:

worldhope.org (humanitarian arm of the Wesleyan Church)

Eji.org (Equal Justice Initiative)

Sentencingproject.org (advocates for criminal justice reform)

Urban.org (non-political site with a wealth of information on structure impact individuals and families in urban areas)

IJM.org (International Justice Mission—anti human trafficking and violence against women)

bbbs.org (Big Brothers Big Sisters)

andcampaign.org (engaging politics with compassion and conviction)

prisonfellowship.org



Deal with Discomfort

If we only try to get back to comfort, we choose _____ and stagnation rather than _____.

What to do with our Discomfort

1. _____ with it and lean in to the _____.
2. Remember who we are and what _____ requires of us.

The word “justice” is used over _____ times in the Old Testament and _____ times in the New Testament.

"He has shown you, o mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To seek justice. To love mercy. And to walk humbly with your God."

Micah 6:8

The Israelites broke the covenant by:

1. Turning to _____ and
2. Failing to uphold _____.

Secular Models of Justice: (Michael Sandel)

1. Maximizing _____ : doing the greatest amount of good and the least amount of harm for the greatest number of people.
2. Respecting _____ : focuses on individual liberty.
3. Promoting _____ : justice shapes a society so that people act how they ought to act in accordance with moral virtue.

Which is biblical?

Biblical Justice

"To act _____..."

Mishpat: _____ justice

- Isaiah 5:8, 1 Kings 10:9, Exodus 23:2, 6, Leviticus 19:15

Tsedakah: _____ justice.

- Leviticus 19:9-10, Isaiah 1:17, James 1:27

God turns his ear toward the poor, marginalized and _____.

"to love _____..."

Hebrew = _____

- The core is the willingness to make other people's _____ my own.

"to walk _____ with your God."