

5. Place yourself in the story of the Good Samaritan “sequel” and apply it to the world we live in now. What are some ways you attempt to bring about restorative justice in some systemic senses?

6. What is a modern way we could think about the gleaning laws in Leviticus 19?

7. What is one way you could change the way you live in light of these texts?

### **Justice (A Story of God Series)**

“Three Requirements of Justice (Sacrifice & Law)”

Deuteronomy 4:5-8; 10:12-21

This series seeks to build a better understanding of social justice from a biblical point of view so that we can seek justice and stand against injustice together in a way that glorifies God and demonstrates love for our neighbor.

### **And Review (Creation, Separation & Promise)**

The Hebrew word for justice is mishpat.

In the story of God, restorative justice is about...

- Getting us as close as possible to the way things were supposed to be (Genesis 1-2) and the way it was before sin entered the world (Genesis 3), a time of human flourishing. It’s what the Bible calls Shalom.
- Living by the values of God’s kingdom, doing God’s will on earth as it is in heaven.

Tony Evans: “Righteousness is the moral standard of right and wrong based on God’s divine standard. Justice is the equitable and impartial application of God’s moral law in society. And God wants both.”

### **Three Requirements of Justice (Sacrifice and Law)**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ is at the core.

We are like what we \_\_\_\_\_.

Exodus 32:5 When Aaron saw this, he built an altar in front of the calf and announced, “Tomorrow there will be a festival to the Lord.”

The dangerous path:

- We make an \_\_\_\_\_.
- We give the \_\_\_\_\_ the credit God deserves.
- We make this new \_\_\_\_\_ as if it is unto God.

## Personal Reflection & Small Group Questions

Please complete this study on your own, then bring it to your small group for discussion.

We worship a \_\_\_\_\_, not a \_\_\_\_\_.

When we draw near to the \_\_\_\_\_, we draw near to God.

2. \_\_\_\_\_ is essential.

Romans 12:1 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.

Craig Blomberg: "...the righteous are willing to disadvantage themselves to the advantage of the community; the wicked are willing to disadvantage the community to advantage themselves."

3. \_\_\_\_\_ is not optional.

Leviticus 19:9-10 "When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. Do not go over your vineyard a second time or pick up the grapes that have fallen. Leave them for the poor and the foreigner. I am the Lord your God."

"Everyone does have their own \_\_\_\_\_; they just have to find it." (Hannah Salwen)

1. Looking back over your notes from this week's sermon, what particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

2. How can worshipping other things besides God impact doing justice work in our world?

3. Have you ever taken the dangerous path of the Israelites as explained in the outline above? Explain.

4. How could you make your life more sacrificial, like Jesus?