

Small Group Discussion Guide

Sermon: "Let Justice Be the Feast" • Series: *Silhouettes of Hope: Christmas through the Eyes of the Minor Prophets*
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READ

Read Amos 5:21-24, pray, pause for a few moments, then discuss.

OPEN

Think of a time when a meal looked beautiful on the outside...but disappointed on the inside. What made it fall short? What about something that looked "religious" or "spiritual" on the surface, but empty underneath? What made it feel that way?

DISCUSS

1. Shock factor: Why does God use such strong language in this passage? How does this challenge our assumptions about worship? Christmas?
2. Empty ritual, or living worship? What type of Christmas do we tend to celebrate as substitute for obedience or justice?
3. "Let justice roll down..." How does justice become a form of worship and Christmas celebration in this passage?
4. Where do you see a silhouette of Christ in Amos' call for justice? Where is God calling you to let justice "roll" in your daily life?

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LIVE

As we enter the Christmas season, choose one simple, concrete way to let justice become part of your day:

- **Practice Fairness and Mercy:** Identify one situation—at home, work, or in the community—where you can respond with fairness, patience, or mercy instead of frustration or judgment.
- **Listen to Someone Overlooked:** Seek out a person who often feels unheard or unseen. Give them your full attention, without rushing or fixing—just genuine presence.
- **Quietly Lift Someone’s Burden:** Offer help to someone in need—financially, emotionally, or practically—without drawing attention to yourself. Let generosity be quiet and sincere.
- **Align Worship with Life:** Before singing, praying, or stepping into church, pause and ask: “Am I living what I’m about to say?” Let integrity be your act of worship.
- **Make Space for the Weary:** Invite someone who might feel lonely, stressed, or overlooked during the holidays to join you for a meal, conversation, or a simple moment of rest.

PRAY

Say the prayer below out loud together with your group:

“Lord, You are the God who desires justice more than offerings and righteousness more than songs. Teach us to worship You with our lives, not just our lips. Let justice roll in our hearts, our relationships, our church, and our city. And as we enter this Advent season, fix our eyes on Jesus—the King who brings justice and mercy to a weary world. Amen.”