

## **JUST BALANCE**

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### **The COMMUNITY**

1. What are your earliest memories of the election process?
2. As you experienced church this Sunday what stood out to you most in regard to the church's involvement in social justice?

### **The BIBLE**

3. Search the Scriptures for verses that speak about Justice and/or Grace. What do you learn from these Scriptures?

If you are new at studying the Bible, here are some sites online that you can visit to do your search. Google.com, Biblegateway.com, blueletterbible.org, biblos.com, ccel.org and other websites to do these searches.

4. Read Romans 3. What insights do you have about "injustice" as you read this passage?

### **The APPLICATION**

5. On a scale of 1-10, where would you characterize yourself as a "social activist." Why? About what causes are you the most passionate?
6. Does the idea of every injustice being secondary to the spiritual injustice of mankind change your perspective in regard to participating in social reform?
7. How can the church be better advocates of God's grace?
8. How does the idea of "Just Balance" relate to developing as an authentic follower of Jesus Christ?

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**Proverbs 11:1**

A false balance is an abomination to the Lord, but a just weight is his delight. (ESV)

**I. We serve a God who \_\_\_\_\_ justice.**

A. Injustice is an \_\_\_\_\_ to God.

B. God \_\_\_\_\_ in justice.

**II. Spiritual Justice: \_\_\_\_\_.**

A. \_\_\_\_\_ of man against God.

**Romans 3:10-18**

None is righteous, no, not one; <sup>11</sup> no one understands; no one seeks for God. <sup>12</sup> All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one." <sup>13</sup> "Their throat is an open grave; they use their tongues to deceive." "The venom of asps is under their lips." <sup>14</sup> "Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness." <sup>15</sup> "Their feet are swift to shed blood; <sup>16</sup> in their paths are ruin and misery, <sup>17</sup> and the way of peace they have not known." <sup>18</sup> "There is no fear of God before their eyes." (ESV)

B. Substituted Jesus as punishment for our sin and rebellion:  
The greatest \_\_\_\_\_ ever.

**1 John 1:9**

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (ESV)

**1 John 4:10**

In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. (ESV)

C. Forgiveness of sin, restoration to God through Jesus, and eternal life is the \_\_\_\_\_ need of humanity.

**III. A just balance and \_\_\_\_\_.**

A. Common Grace: What is it?

**Proverbs 11:10-11**

When it goes well with the righteous, the city rejoices, and when the wicked perish there are shouts of gladness. <sup>11</sup> By the blessing of the upright a city is exalted, but by the mouth of the wicked it is overthrown. (ESV)

B. Common grace \_\_\_\_\_ a culture.

**IV. So What?**

A. \_\_\_\_\_

**Luke 10:7**

**Proverbs 22:29**

**2 Thessalonians 3:10**

**Matthew 6:26**

B. \_\_\_\_\_

**James 2:1**

**Revelations 5:9-10**

C. Justice for the \_\_\_\_\_.