

The Justice of the Servant
Matthew 12:15-21

Review:

1. As the Son of God, Jesus brings perfect justice by the power and wisdom of the Spirit of God
2. Jesus brings justice to people from every conceivable group
3. Jesus brings justice in a humble, gentle way, dying so that His people might be made righteous

Reflect:

1. How does Jesus' way of bringing justice challenge what you think rulers should do? How does it challenge the way you think about people who take the opposite side on important issues?

Go further: Read Isaiah 49:1-13

1. To whom does the Servant speak in verse 1?
2. Who does the Servant say has called Him, and when did He receive this call?
3. To what does the Servant compare His mouth?
4. To what weapon does the servant compare Himself in the second half of verse 2?
5. What name does God use for the Servant in verse 3?
6. According to verse 5, for what purpose has God called His Servant?
7. Who does the Servant say will be His strength?
8. In verse 6, to whom does God say the Servant will be a light? How far will the Servant extend God's salvation?
9. How does Isaiah describe the Lord in verse 7?
10. How does Isaiah describe the Servant in verse 7?
11. What relationship does the Lord say that kings and princes will have to His Servant? Why does He say this is the case?
12. In verse 8, when does the Lord say He has heard and helped the Servant?
13. In verses 8 and 9, for what four reasons does the Lord say He gives the Servant as a covenant to the people?
14. How does verse 11 describe the way God makes it possible for people to come to Him?
15. In verse 12, from where does God say His people will come to Him?
16. Who does Isaiah urge to sing and be joyful in verse 13? For what reasons should they rejoice?

Summary and Application:

1. In verse 3, God uses the name "Israel" for His Servant, and yet in verse 5, God says the purpose of the Servant is to bring Israel back to Him. How can both of these things be true, and how does the idea that the Church is the Body of Christ help to fit these ideas together?
2. How does the description of the Servant in verse 7 make sense in the light of Jesus' experience on the cross?
3. Read the description of the way the Servant cares for His people in verses 9 and 10. In what ways has Jesus fulfilled this in your own life? How has He cared for you?
4. Knowing that Jesus is a light to the Gentiles, how does that give you assurance? How does that affect your desire to show His light to others?