

WEEK 3

MIDDLE SCHOOL DISCUSSION GUIDE



THIS WEEK

BIG IDEA

God makes wrong things right through Jesus.

BIBLE

Deuteronomy 32:3-4; Romans 3:21-26

ABOUT THIS WEEK

God is fair and always does what's right. Sin can't just be ignored, but God fixed it by sending Jesus to take our place. At the cross, God's justice and mercy came together. That gives us hope and teaches us to stand up for what's right.

Let's Break the Ice // [Optional: Discipleship Moment Follow Up]:

- Last week, we challenged one another to show love first. Does anyone have a story of how you showed love to someone this week?
- When's the last time something felt *unfair* to you? What happened?
- Why do you think people care so much about fairness—where does that sense of right and wrong come from?

Bible Study:

- **Read Together:** As a group, read **Deuteronomy 32:3-4 NIV** (*telos pg. 203*) and **Romans 3:21-26 NIV** (*telos pg. 1102*) together.

Discussion Questions:

- What do these verses teach us about who God is and what He's like?
- What's the difference between justice and mercy?
 - How do you see both justice and mercy working together at the cross?
- Why can't God just ignore sin? What would that say about His character?
- If God is just, what are some ways we can reflect that in how we treat others—especially when something feels unfair?

Make it Real:

- What would it look like for you to care about justice *and* mercy the same way God does?
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Prayer

Share Requests:

- *Ask for any prayer requests or praises to celebrate together.*

Group Prayer:

- Encourage students to pray briefly for each other's requests.
- Close by thanking God for His justice and mercy in our lives.

(GROW DEEPER - OPTIONAL) Discipleship Moment:

Justice in Real Life : This week, when you see something wrong or unfair—whether it's gossip, bullying, or dishonesty—**look for one small way to bring God's justice and mercy into it.** That might mean speaking up kindly, telling the truth, or showing forgiveness instead of revenge.

Partner Check-In: Pair students up and have them commit to checking in with their partner either sometime during the week or during your next gathering.