



## **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.

*WHAT? What are we talking about today?*

### **HOOK – That's not fair!**

- Have you ever been blamed for something you didn't do?
  - Maybe someone lied about you, or a teacher assumed it was your fault when it wasn't.
  - Or maybe you saw someone else break a rule and get away with it completely.
- ***SPEAKER NOTE: If you have any personal stories, share it here.***
- When things feel unfair, it stirs something in us — because deep down, we *know* things aren't supposed to be that way.
- That sense of right and wrong comes from God Himself. We were created in His image, and **SLIDE: God is just** — which means He always does what's right, even when no one else does.
  - It also means **SLIDE – GOD IS FULL OF JUSTICE AND MERCY**

*SO WHAT? Why does it matter to God and to us?*

- Let's look at what the Bible says about God's justice.
  - **SLIDE - Deuteronomy 32:4 (NIV)**

That verse gives us four big truths about who God is:

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- **"He is the Rock."**
  - That means God is solid, unshakable, and dependable. When everything around us feels unstable — friends change, life moves fast, people let us down — God stays steady. You can stand on Him and know He won't move.
- **"His works are perfect."**
  - Everything God does is good, complete, and right. He never makes mistakes or bad calls. There's never a moment when God looks back and says, "Maybe I shouldn't have done that." His plans are flawless, even when we don't understand them.
- **"All his ways are just."**
  - God always does what's right and fair. He doesn't play favorites. He doesn't get bribed. He doesn't change His standards based on who's watching. Every decision He makes is perfectly balanced between truth and love.
- **"A faithful God who does no wrong."**
- That means He can be trusted — fully. There's no hidden agenda, no corruption, no unfairness in Him. God doesn't twist the truth to protect Himself or shift blame to someone else. He *always* acts out of His goodness and integrity.
  - So when we say "God is just," we're not just saying He's fair like a referee or judge — we're saying He's **perfectly righteous** in everything He does.
  - He always makes the right call.
- But here's where the tension comes in: we don't.
  - We make choices every day that are selfish, dishonest, or unkind. We break promises, hold grudges, and hurt others.
    - And because God is just, He can't just look the other way.
    - Justice means that wrong things must be made right.
    - But instead of turning His back on us, God did something incredible — He stepped in Himself to fix what was broken.
    - **SLIDE – GOD MAKES WRONG THINGS RIGHT THROUGH JESUS**

#### *NOW WHAT? What does God want us to do about it?*

- If God is just, then His people should care about justice too — not by seeking revenge, but by helping to make things right.
- Here's what that looks like in real life:
  - **SLIDE - Speak up** when you see someone being mistreated, even if it costs you popularity.
  - **SLIDE - Tell the truth** when it would be easier to lie to protect yourself.
  - **SLIDE - Show mercy** when someone wrongs you instead of trying to get even.

Justice and mercy aren't just things God does — they're part of who He is. When we live with honesty, fairness, and compassion, we reflect the heart of the God who made us.

#### Closing

So this week, when you see something broken or unfair, ask yourself:

- "What would it look like to bring God's justice and mercy into this situation?"

End with a short prayer:

- “God, thank You for being fair, merciful, and trustworthy. Thank You for making things right through Jesus. Help us live in a way that shows Your justice and mercy this week. Amen.”