

FACILITATOR / TEACHER GUIDE

Now & Then – Session 4

Living in the Justice of the Kingdom

What Does It Look Like to Live God's Kingdom Here and Now?

SESSION PURPOSE

This session confronts the practical implications of life in God's Kingdom **now**, especially when injustice persists and outcomes feel unfair.

Grounded in **Micah 6:8** and **Psalms 73**, participants will wrestle with what faithful obedience looks like when righteousness does not seem to “pay off,” and injustice appears to thrive. This session presses beyond belief into **active participation**, calling participants to embody God's justice, mercy, and humility in the present—even when rewards feel delayed.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

By the end of this session, participants should be able to:

- Understand biblical justice as active, relational, and grounded in character
 - Recognize the temptation to disengage when injustice appears successful
 - Name how envy, cynicism, and weariness distort faith
 - Reaffirm obedience as faithfulness, not outcome-control
 - Identify concrete ways to live out Kingdom justice here and now
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KEY PASSAGES

- **Micah 6:8**
- **Psalms 73** (primary reflection psalm)

Supporting Scriptures:

- Matthew 5:6
 - Luke 10:33–37
 - Galatians 6:9
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SESSION LENGTH

60–75 minutes

MATERIALS NEEDED

- Bible
 - Participant discussion guide
 - Pen
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SESSION FLOW

1. WELCOME & RE-ORIENTATION (5 minutes)

Facilitator Guidance:

Frame this session as a shift from inward reflection to outward faithfulness. Affirm that the Kingdom shapes how we *live*, not just what we believe.

Opening Thought:

If the Kingdom is real—but incomplete—then justice is not optional, even when it feels costly.

Opening Question (optional):

Where do you find it hardest to keep doing what is right?

2. WHAT GOD REQUIRES (Micah 6:8) (10 minutes)

Teaching Focus:

God's expectations are clear—but not easy.

Read Scripture:

Micah 6:8

Key Insight:

Justice, mercy, and humility are not abstract values—they are lived commitments.

Facilitator Notes:

Avoid reducing Micah 6:8 to a slogan. Emphasize action, posture, and consistency.

Discussion Question:

Which part of Micah 6:8 feels most challenging to live out—and why?



3. MOVEMENT 1 – WHEN JUSTICE FEELS FUTILE (Psalm 73:1–12) (10 minutes)

Teaching Focus:

The psalmist voices the temptation to abandon faithfulness when injustice appears rewarded.

Read Scripture:

Psalm 73:2–12

Key Truths to Emphasize:

- Envy is a spiritual danger
- Disillusionment often begins quietly
- Faith can feel unfair in an unjust world

Reflection Questions:

- What frustrates the psalmist most?
 - Where do you recognize similar thoughts or feelings?
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4. MOVEMENT 2 – THE TURNING POINT OF PERSPECTIVE (Psalm 73:16–20) (10 minutes)

Teaching Focus:

Perspective shifts not through success, but through encounter with God.

Read Scripture:

Psalm 73:16–17

Key Insight:

Seeing clearly requires grounding ourselves in God's presence—not public outcomes.

Facilitator Tip:

This is not about “thinking positively,” but re-centering on God's justice over time.

Discussion Questions:

- What changes when the psalmist enters God's presence?
 - How does eternal perspective reshape present obedience?
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5. MOVEMENT 3 – JUSTICE AS FAITHFUL LIVING (Psalm 73:21–28) (10 minutes)

Teaching Focus:

True justice flows from nearness to God, not resentment or comparison.

Read Scripture:

Psalm 73:23–28



Key Emphasis:

- God Himself is the ultimate good
- Faithfulness is not wasted
- Nearness fuels perseverance

Facilitator Insight:

Participants may feel tired here. Acknowledge fatigue without lowering the call.

Reflection Questions:

- How does the psalmist's definition of "good" change?
 - What sustains justice when results are slow?
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6. MOVEMENT 4 – ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN THE KINGDOM (10 minutes)**Teaching Focus:**

Kingdom justice is not waiting for perfection—it is faithful action now.

Read Scripture:

Micah 6:8

Galatians 6:9

Key Truth:

We do not create the Kingdom—but we witness to it through action.

Discussion Questions:

- Where is God inviting you to act justly right now?
 - What would mercy look like in ordinary, concrete terms?
 - How does humility guard justice from self-righteousness?
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7. SUMMARY & CORE INSIGHT (5 minutes)**Key Insight:**

Kingdom justice is not proven by outcomes, but by faithfulness.

Core Takeaway:

Living God's Kingdom now means choosing justice, mercy, and humility—even when the world rewards otherwise.

8. FINAL REFLECTION & PRACTICE (5 minutes)

Final Reflection Question:

Where might God be calling you to remain faithful without immediate reward?

Practice for the Week:

- Pray **Micah 6:8** daily
- Choose one intentional act of justice or mercy
- Ask: *“How can I reflect the Kingdom here?”*

Closing Prayer:

Pray for courage, perseverance, humility, and love.

FACILITATOR REMINDER

Do not soften the call.

Justice in an unfinished Kingdom always costs something.

