

STUDENT DISCUSSION GUIDE

Now & Then – Session 4

Living in the Justice of the Kingdom

SESSION FOCUS

If God's Kingdom is real in the present, then faith cannot stop at belief.

This session explores what it means to **actively live out Kingdom justice**—even when injustice seems to win and faithfulness feels unrewarded.

Through **Micah 6:8** and **Psalms 73**, we learn how trust, obedience, and justice remain faithful responses in a world not yet restored.

OPENING REFLECTION

Take a moment to reflect.

- Where have you felt discouraged about justice?
- When have you wondered whether doing the right thing is worth it?

Personal Notes:

SCRIPTURE READING

Read:

- **Micah 6:8**
- **Psalms 73** (focus especially on verses 2–12 and 16–28)

Notice:

- Emotional honesty
 - Struggle with fairness
 - Movement toward trust
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KEY IDEA

Kingdom justice is not driven by outcomes,
but by faithfulness to God.



PART 1: WHAT GOD ASKS OF US (Micah 6:8)

God's call is simple—but demanding.

Reflection Questions

- What does it mean to *act justly*?
- How is mercy more than kindness?
- Why must justice be paired with humility?

Personal Notes:

PART 2: WHEN JUSTICE FEELS UNFAIR (Psalm 73:2–12)

The psalmist admits envy and frustration.

Reflection Questions

- What angers or discourages the psalmist?
- Where do you struggle with similar thoughts?
- Why is honesty important here?

Personal Notes:

PART 3: SEEING CLEARLY AGAIN (Psalm 73:16–17)

Perspective changes in God's presence.

Reflection Questions

- What shifts when the psalmist turns toward God?
- How does this reframe success and justice?

Personal Notes:

PART 4: FAITHFULNESS OVER REWARD (Psalm 73:21–28)

God Himself becomes the psalmist's "good."

Reflection Questions

- How does this redefine what a faithful life looks like?



- What sustains obedience when results are slow?

Personal Notes:

PART 5: LIVING KINGDOM JUSTICE NOW

(Micah 6:8; Galatians 6:9)

Reflection Questions

- Where is God prompting you toward justice or mercy?
- What small, concrete action feels possible right now?
- How does humility protect our motives?

Personal Notes:

PERSONAL REFLECTION

- Where do you feel weary in doing good?
- What would it mean to remain faithful anyway?

Personal Response:

CLOSING PRAYER

Ask God for courage, humility, and perseverance to live out His Kingdom here and now.

OPTIONAL PRACTICE FOR THE WEEK

- Pray **Micah 6:8** daily
 - Choose one intentional act of justice or mercy
 - Reflect: *“How did this shape my trust in God?”*
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FINAL THOUGHT

The Kingdom is already among us.

Justice lived now is a witness to what is coming.

