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WELCOME:

Fixing Our Focus

Suggested icebreaker:

Ask GG members to come up with a definition of justice and provide examples of people in history who have exemplified it in their lives. Use this to segue into the lesson about God's attribute of justice.

WORSHIP:

Adoring Our God

Suggested song:

[It Was Finished Upon That Cross](#)

WORD & WALK:

Understanding & Applying the Word

LESSON AIM

1. GG members will understand that God is just and how God justifies those who place their faith in Jesus Christ.
2. GG members will trust that God is just in all He does.
3. GG members will share the good news of salvation, highlighting God's justice and love, with others.

INTRODUCTION

Another communicable attribute of God is justice. God shares a measure of this attribute with us, and it manifests itself when we become victims of injustice. There is the feeling that a wrong has been committed against us.

God is just (Deuteronomy 32:4)

Before the Israelites crossed the Jordan River to enter the Promised Land, God, through Moses, taught them a song. At the beginning of this song, God's character is highlighted.

1. Why do you think God is called "the Rock"? (cf. Psalm 94:22; Isaiah 17:10)
2. What does it mean for God to be or to do what is just? (cf. Genesis 18:23-25)
3. How do the other descriptions of God found in this verse fit into his character of justice?

APPLICATION

What does it mean to say that "God is just?" How does this affect your attitude and outlook on what's happening in the world around you (e.g., rampant injustice and corruption)?

God justifies (Romans 3:25-26)

Paul explained how God was just by sending Jesus to earth to redeem humankind through his death on the cross, and how God justifies those who place their faith in Christ's sacrifice.¹

1. What was the reason and motive for God to send Jesus to earth?
2. What did Christ's death on the cross achieve?
3. How did Christ's death show God's righteousness or justice in the past and present?
4. How can one receive the benefit of Christ's death on the cross?

¹God sent Jesus to earth because, in His grace, He wanted to spare humankind from the penalty of their sin. This is considered a gift (Romans 3:24) because it is something that cannot be earned. **By dying on the cross, Jesus fulfilled**

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God's justice against sin (both past and present) and God's love for sinners by redeeming them from sin. He is the only one able to do this because he is fully God and fully man (John 1:1, 14). He paid the penalty for the sins of the world by dying on the cross (John 1:29). God deferred the punishment of sins in the past so that Christ could bear them on the cross (Romans 3:25b). The payment for sins has been made. The only thing left is for humankind to receive the payment made on their behalf. One receives God's gift of grace through faith in Jesus Christ (Romans 3:25a). Those who receive Christ's sacrifice by faith are justified or declared righteous by God (Romans 3:26). Thus, salvation is by God's *grace alone* and through *faith alone*, that is, faith in Jesus *Christ alone*.

APPLICATION

Have you accepted God's gift of grace through faith in Jesus Christ? If you haven't yet, what is hindering you from doing so? If you have done so, how are you sharing this good news of salvation with others?

PRAYER ITEM

Dear God, thank You for Your grace and justice, which came together when Christ died on the cross for our sins. He paid for the penalty of our sins, fulfilling Your justice, dying in our place that we may have life, fulfilling Your grace. Use us, we pray, so that we may spread this good news of salvation to others. In Christ's name we pray. Amen. ■

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