



01/14/2024 "Jumpstart Your Justice"

1. What stood out to you from this week's message? Why?
2. What comes to mind when you hear the word "righteous" or "righteousness"?
3. If you grew up in church, what did that church teach about being righteous or righteousness?
4. From Sunday's message what definitions did Pastor John give for "righteousness", in Hebrew, *tzedaka*?
5. In Matthew 5:6, Jesus tells us to hunger and thirst for righteousness. What does this mean? What would it look like?
6. Read Jeremiah 9:23-24. What does Jeremiah emphasize in these verses?
7. In what ways does Jesus' teaching help bring justice and righteousness to the earth?
8. One short-hand definition of "righteousness" is "to be in right relationship" with God and others. How would you describe a "right relationship"? What does it take, both with God and with other people?
9. What challenges you most from this message and concept of righteousness?
10. Has your understanding of "righteousness" changed any since hearing this message and reading these passages? How?
11. As you look at your relationship with God and other people, where do you need to develop "righteousness" or pursue justice? Be specific.

Other passages to consider:

Amos 5:21-24; Micah 3:8; Matthew 6:33; James 3:17-18