



Sermon Discussion Questions

For small group leaders or for a whole small group to use

“What More Could God Do? Grace, Injustice, and the Gift of Jesus” (Isaiah 5) | October 5, 2026

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Sermon Overview

Main Idea

A vineyard and its fruit are in view in this portion of Isaiah’s warning to God’s people. God has graciously provided all that is needed for His vineyard (Israel) to bear the good fruit of justice and righteousness. And yet, they are instead producing the rotten fruit of injustice and unrighteousness. Why? Injustice is the inevitable result when people reject their righteous King. What more could He do? Where can they turn? What more does He provide in the end?

Sermon Outline

1. The Righteous Fruit God Expects (v1-7)
2. The Rotten Fruit God Finds (v8-23)
3. The Sobering Judgment God Brings (v24-30)
4. The True Vine God Provides (Psalm 80; John 15:1-12)

Quotation(s) See reverse.

Discussion Questions

To open the discussion, read from Isaiah 5:1-7.

Initial Engagement

- After hearing from the sermon, could you articulate the main idea? What did the sermon focus on?
- What insight from the text or sermon stood out to you most, and why?

Deeper Reflection on the Meaning and Implications

1. Take time to consider how God had lovingly and graciously provided everything needed for His vineyard, Israel, to produce good fruit. How has He also provided all that is needed for YOU to produce good fruit?
2. Israel fails. They produce rotten fruit, and we do, too. Considering Drew’s caution for us to understand this indictment against an entire culture and to avoid both prideful finger-pointing and false humility, consider how you see this rotten fruit in today’s culture and in your own heart. What is at the root of it all?
3. Along with some of the quotes from the sermon (on reverse), describe in your own words how “sin is worse when against so much grace.” How might you be downplaying your sin? Do you need to more seriously consider the “sinfulness of your sin.” Can’t you just “do better”? What more can God do?
4. Read Psalm 80. What more do you learn about the theme of *the vine* throughout the Bible? What more did His people desire in that time? Now read John 15:1-12. What more did God provide?!
5. What does it mean to *abide in Christ*? To be *united to Him*? How can you *be certain that you are united to Christ*? If you are unsure if you are truly united to Him, will you talk to someone? Who might that be?
6. This passage illustrates God’s intention for His people to bear fruit for His glory. How does this happen? How might you more fully embrace and live out your purpose to *bear fruit for God’s glory*?
7. Describe the mission of the church in terms of *the vine and its branches*. What does it mean for us to *extend the vine*? Name some specific ways you might do this.

Final Response

- What is one thing you want to remember or do in light of this sermon or discussion?

"Sin is worse when against so much grace."

(i.e., the "aggravation" of sin)

A prevailing thought amongst the Puritans

*"The greater the benefits which we have received from God,
the more disgraceful will be our ingratitude if we abuse them."*

John Calvin

Sin

by George Herbert

*Lord, with what care hast Thou begirt us round!
Parents first season us; then schoolmasters
Deliver us to laws;—they send us bound
To rules of reason, holy messengers,
Pulpits and Sundays, sorrow dogging sin,
Afflictions sorted, anguish of all sizes,
Fine nets and stratagems to catch us in,
Bibles laid open, millions of surprises,
Blessings beforehand, ties of gratefulness,
The sound of glory ringing in our ears;
Without, our shame; within, our consciences;
Angels and grace, eternal hopes and fears:
Yet all these fences and their whole array
One cunning bosom-sin blows quite away.*

*"We don't just need to see our sin, we need to see the sinfulness of sin,
and the offense that it is when we sin against so much grace."*

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His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness..."

2 Peter 1:3