



Sermon Discussion Questions

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

Godly Justice for All in All Aspects of Life (Proverbs 29)

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Sermon Overview

Main Idea

Proverbs 29 teaches that true justice—whether in the home, society, personal life, or before God—flows from a heart that is submitted to godly wisdom. The chapter shows that righteousness is not confined to one area of life; it shapes how we lead, how we relate to others, how we govern ourselves, and how we understand God’s rule over all. Ultimately, a life aligned with God’s wisdom produces justice in every sphere, while rejecting His wisdom leads to disorder, broken relationships, and eventual judgment. Therefore, the pursuit of justice begins with a heart that fears the Lord and lives according to His truth.

Sermon Outline

Godly Justice for All in All Aspects of Life:

1. Domestic Justice (vv. 1, 15, 17, 19, 21)
2. Political Justice (vv. 2, 4, 12-14, 25-26)
3. Personal Justice (vv. 3, 8-9, 11, 18, 20)
4. Divine Justice (vv. 5-7, 10, 16, 22, 27)

Quotation(s)

Lamentations 3: 32-33: “Though he brings grief, he will show compassion, so great is his unfailing love. For he does not willingly bring affliction or grief to anyone.”

Bruce Waltke and Ivan De Silva say scoffers are the kind of people who seek to “inflame a community’s latent resentments against one another to a boiling point by scoffing at the moral order, distorting truth, and inciting people’s passions through heated rhetoric... They are those who take a bad situation and intensify it into riots.” Waltke, B.K. & De Silva, V. (2021) Proverbs: A shorter commentary. p. 404.

Discussion Questions

Read the Scripture Text (if the text is shorter, consider reading it together several times).

Initial Engagement

- What is the main idea of the text, or what did the sermon focus on? (See above to review the main point)
- What insight from the text or sermon stood out to you most, and why? (Encourage several people to share)

Deeper Reflection on the Meaning and Implications

- Regarding domestic justice, Edgar directed us to verses 1, 15, 17, 19 and 21.
 - What patterns do you see in these verses about discipline and correction within the home?
 - Why do you think correction is often resisted—both by children and adults? In what ways can a lack of discipline actually be unloving?
 - Have you seen discipline done well? What made it effective and godly?



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- Regarding political justice, Edgar pointed us to verses 2, 4, 12-15 and 25-26.
 - Why are people sometimes drawn to leaders who tell them what they want to hear?
 - How does “fear of man” (v. 25) show up in leadership or civic life today?
 - Verse 26 says justice ultimately comes from the Lord. How should that shape our expectations of human governments?
 - How do we stay engaged in society without placing ultimate hope in political systems?
- Regarding personal justice, Edgar pointed us to verses 3, 8-9, 11, 18 and 20.
 - What traits define a “just” or wise person in these verses?
 - Which of these verses challenges you the most personally, and why?
 - Verse 11 contrasts venting emotions vs. restraining them—what does healthy emotional control look like?
 - How does wisdom shape the way we handle conflict?
- Regarding divine justice, Edgar pointed us to verses 5-7, 10, 16, 22 and 27.
 - How does God’s justice differ from human justice?
 - Why do you think the righteous and the wicked often misunderstand or oppose each other (v. 27)?
 - How should God’s ultimate justice affect how we respond to wrongdoing now?
 - What does it mean to trust God as the final judge rather than taking matters into our own hands?
- Finally, Edgar helped us see that Jesus offers the perfect form of justice that makes His father glad and ensures His thrown will be established forever. How else do you see godly justice in Jesus and through His work on the cross?

Final Response

- Which category (domestic, political, personal, divine) feels most relevant to your life right now?
- What is one practical step you can take this week to live out the wisdom of Proverbs 29?