Call for Justice

NEXT STEPS FOR READERS
THANK YOU FOR READING CALL FOR JUSTICE!

We hope that this book has sparked a desire to seek justice in your own context — to live out the call to "act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly." We know it can be overwhelming to know where to start in doing justice, so we have gathered some ideas for next steps and further resources to guide your justice journey.

THINK ABOUT JUSTICE IN YOUR CONTEXT

- Fill in the "Six Questions for Doing Justice" and the Accountability Worksheet on the following pages to start thinking about your first steps in doing justice.
- Study an issue of justice in your community. Consider using the Political Discipleship model from the Center for Public Justice.
- Check out our Further Learning list and explore one of these resources with a group.
- Have a conversation with your pastor and church leaders about including more teaching on Biblical justice.
- Think about your church's community programs, missions work, and efforts to help others. Do they include support from each area of charity, development, and justice? If not, how might you advocate for each of the three areas to be included?
SIX QUESTIONS FOR DOING JUSTICE

“Does it still seem too complicated or overwhelming to do justice in your own community? Maybe you feel convicted, but aren’t sure where to start. The following questions are designed to help you discern where you can make a difference, and how you can ensure that your work is reaching structural or root causes of injustice.”

1. Who is my neighbor?
Who are the widowed, the orphaned, and the poor in my immediate geographic vicinity, or in the spaces to which I feel a close affiliation, whether through family, ministry, or other circumstances?

2. What are the needs, hopes, and desires of my neighbors?
What are the yearnings that run deeper than surface-level needs? What are the underlying or “root” causes contributing to their frustration or suffering?

3. What are the structures and systems responsible for meeting these needs and allowing these hopes to be fulfilled?
Who is, as Nick says, “falling down on the job”? What institutions should be the target of our advocacy?
4. How can these systems be strengthened?
Beyond identifying errors and injustices in public systems, what are concrete and practical ways that we can make them more effective, more transparent, or more equitable?

5. With whom can we carry out this work?
Good works demands a good team. How can you walk alongside victims of injustice, allied organizations, churches, businesses, families, and communities to work towards a common goal?

6. How can we commit this work to God?
If there is one lesson I (Kurt) hope people take away from our experience with ASJ, it is that we do not do this work on our own strength, but through God's protection and providence. How can we ensure that our work is our witness, and that we are inviting others into Jesus’ grace and example?
ACCOUNTABILITY WORKSHEET

After reading a book like Call for Justice, many of us initially feel inspired and eager to take action, but struggle to sustain this level of energy in the weeks and months that follow.

**What justice issues have you identified that you want to learn more about? If you had to focus on just one issue, which would it be?**

**How will you learn more about this topic?**

**How do your gifts and talents equip you to address this issue? What actions can you take?**

**Set a goal for three months from now. What do you hope to know by then? What action do you want to take before then?**

**Who is going to be your "justice accountability partner" to hold you accountable to this goal?**
FURTHER LEARNING RESOURCES

The resources provided here are created by groups outside of AJS. While we do not necessarily endorse every statement within these resources, we think these are great places to get started in learning more about justice. We also would love to hear your recommendations for what we should add to this list! Email us at info@ajs-us.org with your recommendations.

BIBLICAL JUSTICE

Read
- *Justice: Rights and Wrongs* by Nicholas Wolterstorff
- *Justice in Love* by Nicholas Wolterstorff
- *Good News About Injustice* by Gary Haugen
- *Justice Calling: Where Passion Meets Perseverance* by Bethany Hanke Hoang and Kristen Deede Johnson
- *Prophetic Lament: A Call for Justice in Troubled Times* by Soong-Chan Rah
- *The Very Good Gospel: How Everything Wrong Can Be Made Right* by Lisa Sharon Harper

Watch & Listen
- *Justice video* from The Bible Project
- *Do Justice podcast* from the CRCNA Office of Social Justice

More
- *Guide on Biblical Advocacy* by CRCNA partners
- *Live Justly Devotional* by Micah Challenge USA
- *Political Discipleship Curriculum* from the Center for Public Justice

CHARITY, DEVELOPMENT, AND JUSTICE

Read
- *When Helping Hurts* by Steve Corbett and Brian Fikkert
- *Toxic Charity: How Churches and Charities Hurt Those They Help (And How to Reverse It)* by Robert D. Lupton
- *Walking With the Poor: Principles and Practices of Transformational Development* by Bryant Meyers

More
- "Changed for Life" short-term missions curriculum
- Helping without Hurting resources from the Chalmers Center
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IMMIGRATION

Read
- Welcoming the Stranger: Justice, Compassion & Truth in the Immigration Debate by Matthew Soerens and Jenny Yang
- The God Who Sees: Immigrants, the Bible, and the Journey to Belong by Karen Gonzalez
- Enrique's Journey by Sonia Nazario

Watch & Listen
- "The Stranger" film from the Evangelical Immigration Table
- "Who is Welcome Here" documentary from Welcome.
- "What does the Bible say about immigration?" video from CRCNA Office of Social Justice

RACISM

Read
- Be the Bridge: Pursuing God's Heart for Racial Reconciliation by Latasha Morrison
- So You Want to Talk About Race by Ijeoma Oluo
- How to Be an Antiracist by Ibram X. Kendi
- Homegoing by Yaa Gyasi

Watch & Listen
- "Just Mercy" film
- "13th" documentary
- "Race in America" video from The Holy Post

POVERTY & VIOLENCE

Read
- The Locust Effect: Why the End of Poverty Requires the End of Violence by Gary Haugen and Victor Boutros
- Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide by Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn

RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES

Read
- And Social Justice for All: Empowering Families, Churches, and Schools to Make a Difference in God's World by Lisa Van Engen

More
- Compassion International's Explorer activities for kids
- IJM's family resources
Thank you for reading *Call for Justice!* We hope it has been a helpful resource for you and has sparked a desire to do justice.

One of the first steps in doing justice is being informed. We would love to keep you connected to our work in Honduras and more opportunities to get involved.

**SHARE WITH OTHERS**
Encourage a friend or local leader to read *Call for Justice*. Share a quote or insight from the book on social media to encourage others to think about justice.

**REVIEW THE BOOK ON AMAZON**
Leave a review on Amazon to help others learn about the book.

**SIGN UP FOR UPDATES AND FOLLOW US**
The best way to stay up to date on justice in Honduras is by signing up for our email updates or following us on social media. Click on the icons below to sign up or follow us!

**BECOME A JUSTICE PARTNER**
Justice Partners are a committed group of supporters dedicated to building a more just society. Click below to learn more about how you can join this monthly giving community.