



Show Me Your Glory – Forgiving & Just

August 11 | Group Guide

Pray, read Scripture, and have large group discussion (30 minutes).

Begin your group time in prayer. Ask for the Lord to help each of you take his word into your life.

Read **Zephaniah 1:1-3:20**.

Questions to ask:

- How did you see God's justice and forgiveness come out in this Scripture?
- Why are both forgiveness and justice important attributes for God to possess? Where do you see these attributes on display throughout Scripture?
- How do you balance the concepts of justice and forgiveness in your personal life? Are there areas where you struggle to see how both can co-exist?

Break into smaller groups for deeper discussion and accountability (30 minutes).

- Do you ever wrestle with God's forgiveness, thinking he can't (or won't) forgive you? Explain a time when this has been the case for you.
- Read Zephaniah 3:15-17. Is this how you believe God looks at you? How does this impact your answer to the previous question?
- In his sermon, Dan mentioned that "God is forgiving, but sin is not." How has this been true for you as of late?
- Do you ever wrestle with the concept of God's justice, that your "wickedness, rebellion, and sin" deserve punishment? Explain.

- Read **Isaiah 53:5-6**. How are God's forgiveness and justice met satisfactorily in the cross of Jesus? What does this mean for sinners? And, using this framework, how does this expand your vision of what the Christian gospel is?
- Are there any ways that God is inviting you to extend forgiveness to someone right now?
- Read **Romans 12:17-21**. In what ways do you sense an invitation to hand over the wrongdoing of others done *to you* to the justice of God, allowing him to handle the situation or person?

Come back together as a large group to recap and pray (10 minutes).

As this sermon series comes to a close, spend time in prayer asking for God to show you more of his nature and character. Specifically, ask for more of an awareness of God's forgiveness in your life. And pray for God's help in being loving towards others.

Finish with logistics and prayer requests (5 minutes).

1. Make sure to inform your group about the study devotionals available to help you more deeply dive into God's character! You can find that material at thecreek.org/devotionals.
2. Finish your group session with prayer requests.