



Discussion Questions



Week of 5/7/23

Text: Jeremiah 29:1-9, John 13:1-20, and Micah 6:6-8

Icebreaker: What comes to your mind when you think about the topics of justice and mercy?

1. Read the passage from Jeremiah. How would you describe the attitude and actions that the exiles from Judah are supposed to have toward Babylon?

Application: What do you think this same attitude looks like in our day in our own cities of Boulder, Erie, Thornton, and the surrounding areas? What kind of actions can we participate in to “seek the welfare” of our communities?

2. Read the verses from John 13. What stands out to you about Jesus’s actions?

Application: What connection do you think there is between loving each other in this way “inside” the church and loving others well outside the church in our communities and around the world? Why?

3. From John 13, what does Jesus’s example teach us about the kind of attitude and actions required to serve others well? As you answer, consider that Jesus washed Judas’s feet as well.

Application: What do you think it could mean for us to follow Jesus’s example (v. 15) with those who are vulnerable and needy in our surrounding communities?

4. Read Micah 6:6-8. How would you summarize the two types of actions presented between verses 6-7 and verse 8? In other words, what truly pleases God according to this passage?

Application: Where do you see a lack of biblical justice and mercy in our local communities? Do you think the church could help bring justice and mercy to those situations? How?

5. What kind of justice and mercy-related efforts have you been a part of in the past, whether at Calvary or through other organizations? Describe the experience you had and what the outcome was.

Finally, pray together for our local communities and those who greatly need justice and mercy. Pray that Calvary would be a God-glorifying witness to the gospel in these places and to these people.