

# #3 "The Heart of Injustice" The Vineyard Church of Conroe

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#### **Sermon Outline Notes**

## The Prophetic Voice REVEALS GOD'S TRUTH FOR THE

#### PURPOSE OF RESTORING JUSTICE

The LORD reigns forever; he has established his throne for judgment. 8 He rules the world in righteousness and judges the peoples with equity. Psalm 9:7-8

### Injustice REFLECTS THE ATTITUDES, FEELINGS, AND

#### **DESIRES OF THE HEART**

"The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light. <sup>23</sup> But if your eyes are unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness! Matthew 6:22-23

#### I. Micah 2:1-5

<sup>1</sup> Woe to those who plan iniquity, to those who plot evil on their beds! At morning's light they carry it out because it is in their power to do it. <sup>2</sup> They covet fields and seize them, and houses, and take them. They defraud people of their homes, they rob them of their inheritance. <sup>3</sup> Therefore, the Lord says: "I am planning disaster against this people, from which you cannot save yourselves. You will no longer walk proudly, for it will be a time of calamity.

Injustice is caused by **COMPARISON**, **COMPETITION**, &

## **CRAVING**

Justice sets things right by **BRINGING CONTENTMENT IN** 

## **CHRIST AND COMPASSION FOR OTHERS**

What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God. When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures. You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world means enmity against God? Therefore, anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. James 4:1-4

#### II. Micah 2:6-11

<sup>6</sup> "Do not prophesy," their prophets say. "Do not prophesy about these things; disgrace will not overtake us." <sup>7</sup> You descendants of Jacob, should it be said, "Does the Lord become impatient? Does he do such things?" "Do not my words do good to the one whose ways are upright? <sup>8</sup> Lately my people have risen up like an enemy. You strip off the rich robe from those who pass by without a care, like men returning from battle...<sup>11</sup> If a liar and deceiver comes and says, 'I will prophesy for you plenty of wine and beer,' that would be just the prophet for this people!

Injustice is validated by **DEFENSIVENESS**, **DISTRACTION**,

## <u>& DECEPTION</u>

Justice sets things right by <u>BRINGING CONSEQUENCES &</u>

## **REVEALING REALITY**

I urge you, brothers and sisters, to watch out for those who cause divisions and put obstacles in your way that are contrary to the teaching you have learned. Keep away from them. <sup>18</sup> For such people are not serving our Lord Christ, but their own appetites. By smooth talk and flattery they deceive the minds of naive people. Romans 16:17-18

### III. Micah 2:12-13

<sup>12</sup> "I will surely gather all of you, Jacob; I will surely bring together the remnant of Israel. I will bring them together like sheep in a pen, like a flock in its pasture; the place will throng with people. <sup>13</sup> The One who breaks open the way will go up before them; they will break through the gate and go out. Their King will pass through before them, the Lord at their head."

Injustice is perpetuated by **DIVISION**, **DISPLACEMENT**, &

#### DISASSOCIATION

## Justice sets things right by **RECOGNIZING**

## INTERDEPENDENCE AND RECONCILING WITH GOD AND

### **OTHERS**

Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup> For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. <sup>14</sup> Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many. 1 Corinthians 12:12-14