

GENESIS 1:26-27

- › What does it mean to be created in the image of God?
- › What are the implications of this truth with regard to how we see, think about, and treat other human beings?

PROVERBS 24:10-12

- › According to verse 10, how do most people tend to respond to difficulty or adversity? Why do you think that is?
- › What does such a response communicate about us? About our faith?
- › Look at verse 12. How did Solomon expect his readers to respond to the injustice they saw around them? How should we respond to the injustice we see around us?
- › Why shouldn't we view abortion only as a political issue? What are some practical, nonpolitical ways we can fight against the injustice of abortion today?
- › How did Solomon respond to those who claimed to be ignorant of injustice (v. 12)? Can we claim to be truly unaware of the injustice in our world today? Why or why not?
- › What does such a response communicate about us? About our faith?

MARK 10:46-49

- › Why did Bartimaeus cry out for mercy? What does "mercy" here really mean?
- › Compare and contrast how the crowd responded to Bartimaeus with how Jesus responded to him. What can we learn from His example?

CENTRAL TRUTH

Following Christ requires acknowledging and striving against the injustice in our world.

NOW WHAT?

- › How can we fight the temptation of turning a blind eye to injustice in the world today?
- › What are some practical ways we might advocate for victims of injustice in the world?
- › Along with the unborn, who are some other groups of people our culture tends to silence or ignore? How can we serve and point such people to Christ?
- › Brainstorm some ways that we can advocate for the unborn, widows, single mothers, and for needy children.

PERSONAL CHALLENGE

- › **Dwell:** What will you do this week to be an advocate for those whose voices are silenced? How will you serve them, love them, and point them to Jesus? Brainstorm a list of ways you could do so. Make plans to put one or two of these ideas into practice this week.
- › **Memorize:** Proverbs 24:10
- › **Pray:** Thank God for sending Jesus to endure God's just wrath for sin on your behalf. Pray that His example would empower and encourage you as you seek to advocate for justice for the people around you. Pray that God would open your eyes to the plight of the oppressed around you and make you a passionate advocate for them.

KEEP ON DIGGING

- › Read Psalm 139 and make a list of what these verses tell you about God's knowledge and care for all people. When you are done, take some time to consider whether these realities are actively reflected in the way you talk about, think about, and interact with people in your life. How might you acknowledge the image of God in all people? What might need to change for you to truly glorify God in your interactions with others?