

## SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

# Grace, Justice and The World We Live In

*JULY 22-25, 2021*

### ICEBREAKER

What are you enjoying the most about summer?

### QUESTION

- Have you ever denied yourself something you wanted and it benefited you later? What helped you do that? (set the right goal, told others, stayed motivated, took a different direction)

### READ

1 John 2:15-17; Romans 12:2; John 17:14-19; and Phil. 3:20-21.

### QUESTION

- How would you define success? (wealth, achievement, fame, possessions, fulfilling a purpose)

**Patrick said that none of the following questions can be answered in a way that ultimately satisfies because they have a “me” focus and Jesus came to give us a life that is bigger than SELF.**

How can I accumulate the most wealth?

How can I accomplish the most (reach my full potential)?

How can I enjoy life the most?

How can I be “liked” the most?

### QUESTIONS

- How can we move from an inward mindset of “self” towards an outward mindset of “others”? (allow space for others, show up for someone, see others as people)
- What can you do this week to make a difference in someone’s life? (smile, donate, volunteer, write a thank you, send a care package...). Make this your prayer request for each person and share outcomes next week.

- What are ways we can be on mission with Jesus to live a life bigger than self? (take the initiative to serve, go on a mission trip, help or love others)

**PRAYER:** God, thank you for your love and grace. Help us to be transformed by your love and to renew our minds for others and eternity. In Jesus' Name – Amen.