

What does the Bible say about Injustice

Youth Session



There are lots of great organisations working to address injustice in our world and many Christian organisations which help us understand how we, also, can help.

I include here references to Open Doors and Christian Aid but there are always more organisations. You might want to invite a local organisation to come and speak with your group or focus on something which connects with your parish or local community.

Video: Joy

Jasper Rutherford, from Summer Madness has connected with Open Doors to tell a story of a persecuted pastor and the power of Joy.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bY4TmNEbH-g>

Activity: Write to the Persecuted Church

Open Doors provides the resources and directions to get your young people to write a letter to those in the persecuted church across the World.

<http://opendoorsyouth.org/do-something/send-hope-write-a-letter/>

Activity: World Map of Injustice

Get the young people to think about injustices they see in the world. It might be things in our country or throughout any country. You could get a map of the world and post it to write on the issues the young people are aware of. You might want to use the World Watch List Resource from Open Doors which shows where Christians are persecuted most.

<http://www.opendoorsuk.org/persecution/resources.php>

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Activity: Christian Aid Collective

Christian Aid have developed a website for young people and students to discuss the issues worldwide. They provide articles and even session plans for discussions with young people.

The website is available here: <http://www.christianaidcollective.org/>

A helpful example of a possible session is from July

2016: <http://www.christianaidcollective.org/eat-act-pray-july-2016>

Activity: Walk With Them

If your young people are interested in doing something practical, you might want to consider this sponsored walk idea. Open Doors provide accompanying resources to help!

<http://opendoorsyouth.org/do-something/walkwiththem/>

Activity: Fixers

Another idea for practical responses, would be to get in touch with the organisation Fixers - <http://www.fixers.org.uk/>

Young people choose an issue they are passionate about and it could be an injustice in their school, local community or country. Fixers help the young person create a campaign to address the issue. Fixers can come and do a session with your youth group as a whole too.

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Discussion:

1. Read Matthew 12v1-21
2. What does this passage tell us about Jesus and why he came to earth?
3. Why do you think Matthew references the passage from Isaiah in the Old Testament? Does it tell us anything about God's plan?
4. What does this passage mean to those facing injustice? What comfort does following Jesus bring?
5. Read Micah 6v8 - if we follow Jesus, what does he require of us? What should that look like after we have seen the injustices around us?

Game:

Why not get warmed up playing a game which will make a difference? You can visit freerice.com and as you answer questions correctly, rice is donated to the United Nations World Food Program.

There are other games available at: <http://www.gamesforchange.org/>