



# LIFEGROUPS

Series: *Redeem*  
Message: *Redemption and Politics*

Scripture: *Mark 15:1-15*

Date: April 13 & 14, 2019

—[ LET'S START ]—

In this week's sermon, Pastor Dale touched on the theme of injustice. When you think about our world today, and the injustices that are all around, what do you think are some of the best ways that the church can address injustice?

—[ LET'S TALK ]—

1. **GRATITUDE AND PRAYER:** What happened last week for which you are thankful? What challenges do you see in your life? Your family? The World? As a group, take some time to pray. Thank God for the beautiful ways that He has been at work, and pray about the challenges that those in your group are currently facing.

2. Read Mark 15:1-15 and John 18:28-40

What do these passages teach us about Jesus and what do they teach us about people?

3. In His sermon, Pastor Dale stated, "Jesus quietly and calmly endured injustice so that we might experience forgiveness!" Then he asked, "Are you and I willing to do the same?" Mark 8:34 says, ". . . If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow Me." (NLT)

As His followers we are called to follow Jesus' example in the world when we face injustice for His cause.

- When our beliefs are mocked.
- When we are told that God's word is untrue.
- When our Lord is ridiculed as a confused good teacher and not the Son of God.
- When we are told that our values are bigoted, intolerant and hateful.
- When we are tempted to be politically correct and blend in instead of standing out.

How do you find yourself responding in those times when you can easily be tempted to turn and run or compromise and fit in?

4. How can we boldly state and take our stand on truth while at the same time lovingly compel others to follow Jesus?

—[ LET'S ACT ]—

Jesus endured injustice so that we might experience forgiveness. This is Holy Week. It's the week that we remember Jesus' death, burial and resurrection. Have you experienced the peace and forgiveness of Jesus to the point that you don't really care what others think or say? As Christians we know the Truth. We know Jesus. He is the truth that will set others free. Today, let's pray for our Adopt 7. Let's pray that people on Adopt 7 lists all over Wooddale Church would come to church this weekend and encounter the living God.

—[ SERMON REVIEW ]—

- Jesus endured injustice and there was no intervention. To have intervened would have been to have thwarted His own plan for our redemption and salvation.
- Pilate asked, "What is truth?" There was no question in Jesus' mind as to what truth was.
  - John 8:58, John 14:12, and John 6:47 all point to Him being the Truth.
- Jesus quietly and calmly endured injustice so that we might experience forgiveness.
- As His followers we are called to follow Jesus' example in the world when we face injustice for His cause.
- In those times when we are tempted to turn and run, compromise and fit in or confront and fight, we must be willing to:
  - Boldly state and take our stand on the truth.
  - Lovingly compel others to follow Jesus.
  - Peacefully endure the consequences knowing that it is Jesus' approval we seek and not human approval.
- Jesus spoke the truth, He was the Truth and He died for the truth. Jesus began a revolution not by force but by the power of sacrificial love and forgiveness. And when His followers live in the power of that revolution they bring hope to the lost world.
- Christianity was so effective in changing the ancient Greco-Roman pagan society, and it can change our society as well.
- What leads to a revolution like that? The example and model of Jesus who endured injustice so we might experience forgiveness.
- Are you a part of the revolution? Have you experienced the peace and forgiveness of Jesus to the point that you don't really care what others think or say or threaten, you know the truth, the truth that will set others free?

—[ NOTES ]—

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