

**The Great Questions of Life**  
**“Is There Real Right and Wrong?”**  
**For the week of January 21, 2018**  
**New City Church of LA**

**GROW & SERVE GROUP GUIDE**

**Start with Prayer**

**Get to Know One Another:** Introduce yourself by sharing three adjectives that describe yourself.

**Do a Group Covenant**

**Discuss Your Serve Portion**

**Reflecting on the Sermon**

We all believe that some activities and attitudes are objectively right or objectively wrong, but what grounds our belief in objective right and wrong? This week’s sermon made the case that the existence of a loving and good God is the surest foundation for belief in objective morality. Apart from a foundation in a loving and good God, there is little basis to ultimately justify objective moral values, like love and justice.

The sermon examined three views from atheism – meaninglessness, moral relativism, and secular rationalism – and then turned to the Christian message about God’s love and justice. It is good news that God is just, since it means wrongdoing will not go unpunished, but, as sinners, our wrongdoing is included. An important aspect of the gospel is that, on the cross, God took into himself the judgment that belonged to us, forgiving and freeing us to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with him and others.

**Discussion Questions from the Sermon**

1. Were the sermon’s claims convincing or unconvincing?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Where in this sermon or topic can you draw hope and strength?

### **Going Deeper: Bible Study**

1. Read Luke 18:2-8.
2. What do we learn about the worldview of the unjust judge? In what ways does he demonstrate meaninglessness, moral relativism, and secular rationalism?
3. Why is justice from atheistic perspective problematic?
4. What do we learn about God?
5. What do we learn about God's justice? Is justice meaningless, relative or just rational from human perspective?
6. Why is believing in objective morality important?
7. How does this passage point to the good news in Jesus Christ?
8. In what ways are you challenged by this passage and/or the sermon?

**Share what's going on in your life.**

**Pray for one another, the church, and your neighborhood**