

Sermon Title: Waiting for Justice & Peace

Sermon Text: Isaiah 1

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1. If your group has new members, go around the circle and let each person share a short version of their story (significant events in your life, your spiritual journey, or what brought you here).
2. Take a few minutes to watch the two Bible Project videos Joe recommended on Isaiah (~8min each). What stood out to you from the videos? What was new or significant?

Isaiah 1-39



Isaiah 40-66



3. In English, peace usually means the absence of conflict, but the Hebrew word *shalom* is bigger. It's about wholeness and completeness — nothing missing, nothing broken. Read Genesis 43:27–28; Job 5:24; Isaiah 32:17–18; Philippians 4:7. As you read, substitute *shalom* wherever your Bible says peace (or well/welfare in Genesis 43). How is *shalom* different from how we usually think of peace? What does it mean that God is a God of *shalom*?

4. We often think justice is about punishing wrong, but in the Bible it is about making things right and restoring health to relationships. Read Exodus 22:1; Leviticus 6:4–5; Deuteronomy 10:17–19; Psalm 82:3–4; Zechariah 7:9–10. How does biblical justice heal relationships?

5. On Sunday we saw that God takes what is sinful and broken, and carries it through discipline, suffering, or exile, in order to redeem and restore it. Where have you seen this pattern in your own life? How has God used a hard season to bring wholeness to what was broken in your life?

6. Are there areas of your life where you're missing shalom (wholeness)? Go around the group to share, then pray for the person on your right.