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| **SERIES** | On Heaven as On Earth: Injustice vs Justice |
| **BIBLE** | Matthew 21:12-17 – Revelation 21:6 |
| **TITLE** | Finding justice in times of injustice. |
| **OVERVIEW** | It’s easy for us to look around, see the news, watch the videos of tragedy that occurs daily and settle for a reality and a present of injustice! Our temptation is to shrug it off as something we expect to never really change. Or on the flip side we disengage with present injustice thinking that we’ll just wait for Jesus to return. Neither is engagement!  Here’s where the Kingdom of God offers you a new way. The Kingdom of God doesn’t shrug off injustice, it calls for us to work for a better way! To speak into injustice by calling for ways of justice to come right now! |
| **SCRIPTURE BREAKDOWN** | **Injustice Elicits Anger** (Mt. 21:12-13)  Jesus responds to the injustice in the temple not by ignoring it but by pressing right into it.  This injustice in the temple provokes Jesus to an emotional and a response to illustrate this current injustice isn’t acceptable.  We don’t ignore injustice, we enter into it calling for change now!  **Justice is about Healing** (Mt. 21:14-17)  After Jesus interrupts the injustice He turns to healing.  The poor and lame are no longer being taken advantage of but are being cared for.  Jesus justice isn’t about eliminating but about restoring care to those who are turned away.  We are to work toward justice by working to care for those who are often turned aside.  **Justice is about Investment** (Matthew 7:12-13; Rev. 21:6)  The entry point into justice is to care for others the way we would want to be treated.  It’s to invest humanity in others through the way we care for them.  Jesus in Rev. 21:6 says He will give to the thirsty.  His future Kingdom is established through caring for the least of these.  Making them equals – shareholders in His kingdom! |
| **GOSPEL** | **Micah 6:8**– Do Justice!  **Matthew 7:12** – Do to Others! |
| **NEXT**STEPS |  |