

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

SESSION 3: JUDGEMENTS AND JUSTIFICATION

In the third session, Nick showed us that to be right (Tasddiq) or have true Justice (Mishpat), we must go beyond just the letter of the law and our Western sensibilities of fairness. The role of the law goes far beyond each of us individually being upright people; it is about collectively becoming doers and receivers of justice as priests in a wonky world. God is not unconcerned with our righteous behaviors, but he is primarily concerned with us being people of justice and flourishing, in which our behavior plays a role.

That means sometimes, to restore Tasddiq, someone must unfairly pay the price to justify others who are rasa (wonky) or to provide justice to others who can't provide it themselves. This is so disorder/wickedness does not destroy the order and flourishing God invited his people into.

Questions:

- What must change in our personal lives/churches/communities to better use God's law for its intended purpose of justice, not merely "rightness"?
- Which hoq of the 2nd table of the law jumped out to you the most and why?

Nick has set us up tomorrow to discuss Jesus' fulfillment of the tasddiq and the giving of the "Greatest Commandment." But at this point in the weekend, Nick's goal was for us to see and think of ourselves as God's treasured possession, placed here with a purpose, to receive justice and do justice so that we can bring about flourishing in a wonky world. Our wish is that this knowledge becomes true Spirit lead learning by manifesting itself practically into our everyday life.

- What was your biggest takeaway from the weekend so far and what has God prompted/convicted you to do about it?