

## IS SOCIAL JUSTICE BIBLICAL?

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### I. Social justice is required by God.

### II. Social justice is revealed by God.

A. Biblical social justice is about equal treatment, not equal outcome.

B. Biblical social justice is pro-authority, not anti-authority.

### QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. Why is it so important for us to think clearly and carefully about the topic of social justice?
2. Is “social justice” a phrase that Christians should use? Why, or why not? If not, what would be a better phrase to describe the justice people are to carry out within society?
3. What must be our ultimate standard when seeking after justice in society? Who defines what is just?
4. Pastor Nick argued that biblical social justice seeks equal treatment whereas critical social justice seeks equal outcome. Can you explain or give an example of the difference?
5. How does God intend for institutions like the family and the civil government to execute justice in society? Why would tearing down those institutions lead to massive injustice?
6. Why should Christians, of all people, be concerned about doing justice? How does the gospel drive us to justice?

### QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. Does talk of “doing justice” make me uncomfortable? Why mustn’t I allow the distortion of justice in culture to keep me from doing justice?
2. Do I show partiality toward people based upon their skin color or other external criteria?
3. Do I respect and honor those in authority over me, as well as those under my authority? What does this have to do with justice?

### KEY TERMS

1. *Critical Social Justice*: the redistribution of privilege from oppressors to the oppressed through the deconstruction of societal institutions.
2. *Biblical Social Justice*: the fair and impartial treatment of all people according to God’s law and through God’s institutions.