

Growth Group Homework
For the week of February 1st 2026

Getting Started: Get to know each other

What's one thing God has been doing in your life lately (life updates) or something that you're asking Him to do (life needs) that you'd be willing to share with the group?

The Message: 2 Samuel 21:1-14

How does God balance out concepts of JUSTICE/ COMPASSION?

Point 1. _____ (v. 1-9)

Point 2. _____ (v. 10-14)

Big Idea. _____

1. Was there anything from the message that challenged, confused, or spoke to you? If so, can you share with the rest of the group

2. What reason does God give for the famine, and why is it surprising that this issue resurfaces so many years later? What does this teach about us the consequence of sin and the nature of God's justice?

3. Why is it important that God remains just even when He shows mercy? What would be lost—biblically and morally—if God were merciful but not just?

4. The story includes real judgment, but it also includes compassion and care for bodies and burial (something very important in ancient Jewish culture). What does that suggest about God’s heart even when consequences are deserved?

5. Why do you think we demand justice from others yet are offended about the concept of a just God? Why is God’s justice good news for believers?

6. In what ways does the gospel hold justice and mercy together?

APPLICATION QUESTION:

Take some time to reflect and pray. Where in your life might God be inviting you to stop avoiding justice—owning, confessing, or making right what has been left unresolved—where might He be inviting you to finally receive mercy that Christ has already secured for you, or who might God be calling you to extend mercy towards, even if justice still remains?
