



***The Verdict Is In* — Week 1: “The Justice of God”**

CONNECT: If you could ask God one question, and He was guaranteed to answer it, what would it be?

GROW:

1. What comes to mind when you hear the word *judgment*?
2. People often ask, “If God is good, why would he send anyone to Hell?” What’s your response to that question?
3. **Read Romans 3:23.** Jon talked about how sin leads us to *confusion, captivity, and condemnation*. How have you seen this to be true, based on your personal experience or what you’ve witnessed in the world?
4. **Read Hebrews 10:14.**
 - a. Justification means being made perfect by the sacrifice of Jesus, in an instant. What does that mean about how God sees us, even if we “fall short” again? How does this impact the way you see yourself and live your life?
 - b. Sanctification is the process the Holy Spirit uses to make us holy over time. What is God teaching you right now in this process?
5. Part of our sanctification process involves replacing bad behaviors with good ones. Jon said there are three basic motivations behind good behavior: *guilt, fear, and love*. Which of those is the *best* reason? Have you experienced either of the other two?
6. **Read Ezekiel 33:11.** What is God’s desire for us? How should this impact the way we interact with and pray for those who don’t know Jesus?

PRAY: Take time to thank God for your salvation, for always seeing you as He sees Jesus, and for growing you toward holiness.

NEXT: This week, take some time to journal about Jesus’ sacrifice, what it has meant to you, and how it has changed your life.