

# Marks of Mission Series: Justice

Study Notes - Luke 4:18-19, Luke 18:1-8

**Icebreaker:** How many local election leaflets have you received so far, which has been your favourite and why?

*Read Luke 4:18-19*

**Q1** What do you think of Jesus' manifesto? Which bits strike you the most/get you most excited? Does it raise any questions for you?

[You might want to dwell on this passage for a bit longer and look at the wider passage and the Isaiah passage that Jesus quotes from. If you do I'll let you come up with your own questions!]

**Q2** Setting the oppressed free and bringing good news for the poor are part of Jesus' mission and so this should be part of our mission too. Do you agree?

**Q3** Is there a justice issue you are passionate about (could be global or local)? Could you tell the group about:

- Why you're passionate about it
- How you found out about it
- What action you're involved in
- How it connects to your faith

[You could pause at this point and pray for the issues/causes that have been shared.]

*Read Luke 18:1-8*

**Q4** How do you understand verses 6-8? What do you think they mean?

**Q5** Oli argued that Jesus' question/challenge at the end was an encouragement to keep trusting that our God is a God of justice and that one day his kingdom will be fully established, even though we don't always see the change we want to see now.

- a. What do you think of that?
- b. What would be a kingdom dream for the area you are passionate about?

**Q6** Oli pointed to Martin Luther King Jr. Read or play his "I have a dream speech"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vP4iY1TtS3s>

- a. Did you spot some of the ways MLK's dream was inspired by the scriptures?
- b. Go back to Q5b and see if MLK's words have helped inspire a kingdom dream for the thing you are passionate about.

**Q7** Oli also talked about persevering and praying, which are at the heart of this parable. What helps you to persevere and to pray?

**Q8** What's the next step for you in terms of this mark of mission? [Mark 4: To transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation.]