







Small Group/ Reflection Notes

	10.10.21	Economic Justice
 Start	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ What has been the stand out news story of the week for you? 	
 Discuss	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Fuel poverty: would you rather heat or eat? How might this vary for different people and situations? □ What reasons for unbelief have you heard from people struggling to put their faith in our God? 	
 Read	Psalm 10	 Listen again ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Watch ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Talks
 Explore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ How relevant is faith in today's world? □ How do you respond to the question <i>why doesn't God step in to stop the suffering caused by poverty?</i> □ What examples from history (ancient or modern!) can you think of where Christians have acted as Christ's ambassadors to make a difference through sharing what they have or fighting an unjust economic system? □ Read through the psalm again - what exactly is the psalmist's complaint? Against whom? □ Why do you think so many blame / turn to God when things go wrong or seem unfair? □ What evidence from the gospels can you recall where Jesus showed that God is on the side of the poor and oppressed? □ Remind yourselves of the story of the Feeding of the 5000 (John 6:1-14). What stands out to you here? What is Jesus' response to his disciples' consciousness of the crowd's hunger? How is this relevant for us today, faced with the overwhelming needs we see in our communities - local, national and global? □ Look at the way Peter and John carried on Jesus' work of meeting need at its root in Acts 3:1-10. What does this mean for us now? In what modern day context(s) could you apply this approach? □ How would you respond to someone who used Jesus' "<i>The poor you will always have with you</i>" as an excuse not to share out wealth? (Deuteronomy 15:11 might be useful). 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Read James 1:27 and James 2:14-18. What priorities are outlined for living by faith here? How is this reflected in the life of Chester Road Baptist Church? 	

Go further	<input type="checkbox"/> What steps could you take to ensure that you are living out action-faith with regards to economic injustice? Think practical and real!
 Reflect	<input type="checkbox"/> Which one verse stands out to you? Why do you think it grabs your attention? <input type="checkbox"/> Which verse(s) will you need to think more about? Why? <input type="checkbox"/> What is God putting on <i>your</i> heart?
 Do	<input type="checkbox"/> Structural change is needed to redress the balance of economic injustices. What more can you do to bring about heaven on earth? Research and commit! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● think about the way you shop: https://www.ethicalconsumer.org/ ● make sure the foodbank is always on your shopping list ● volunteer - job club / foodbank etc
 Pray	<p>Father God, thank you that your heart of compassion is moved by _____. I'm sorry for when I _____. Please help me to see poverty as you do. Show me how I can live out Jesus' teaching by _____. Amen</p> <p>Spend some time praying over economic injustices you are aware of - either globally or closer to home.</p>
 My questions:	

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