

If you could fix any injustice in the world,
what would it be?

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Bridging the Gap Between Kids & Justice





Hello!

I am Sara Pantazes.



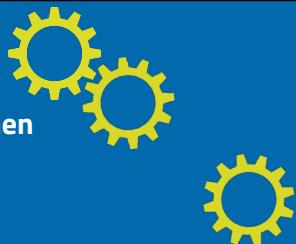
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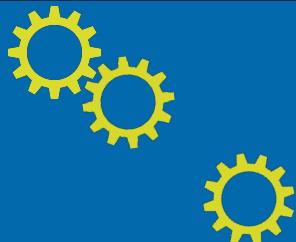
My limitations when talking about injustices

What are yours?



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- Class
- Race
- Education
- Gender
- Geography



What limitations do you have when talking about injustices?

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Survey of the room

How does justice connect to your personal faith?

- A. It's vital and has been an integral part of how I understand faith for a long time.
- B. It's important and I've been learning about and growing in this aspect of my faith for awhile.
- C. It's important and I've been learning about and growing in this aspect of my faith for a relatively short period of time.
- D. I'm not sure.
- E. What does justice have to do with anything?

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Survey of the room #2

In which of these areas are you most interested in learning more?

- A. What (Biblical understanding of justice)
- B. Why (The connection of justice to our faith)
- C. How (Educational theory and practice)
- D. Risks (How to handle the challenges)
- E. Something else

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AGENDA



1. WHAT
2. WHY
3. HOW
4. THE RISKS
5. QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION

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What is justice?

Mishpat

Treat people equitably

Creation Story

Tells us how God wanted the world to be

Jesus
Did righteousness and justice, and told us to do likewise.



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Questions



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What is justice? Kids version



In the beginning: Humans started making choices

Perfect creation

Bad and sad

Injustices

Someday...
all good and no bad, all joy and no sad

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Table Discussion - Why?

Where is your congregation on justice?

- A. It's solidly a part of our life and identity.
- B. We are genuinely interested in it, but have limits.
- C. It's a challenge for us but we're working on it.
- D. We are not really engaged with this issue.

Where is your congregation on justice with kids?

- A. It's part of our DNA.
- B. We are working on building it into our DNA with excitement.
- C. We are working on building it into our DNA but with reservations.
- D. Interested but haven't really started.
- E. Barely given it any thought.

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What else?



You fill in the blank!

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Discussion



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Discussion



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Things to
keep in mind
with
challenging
content

Rebekah
Gienapp

- Don't use doom and gloom to shock kids
- Prioritize hope and agency
- Watch for verbal and non-verbal cues
- Careful with violence

What else?

The risks: Naysayers



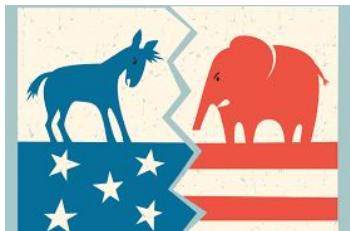
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The risks: Getting it wrong



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The risks: It's "political"



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The risks: Not age appropriate



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The risks

- Naysayers
- Getting it wrong
- Too political
- Not age appropriate



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“ Evidence of the presence of the Kingdom of God is thick wherever and whenever people stand on the promise of God that there is more to this world-more to this life-than what we see...There is a vision of a world where God cuts through the chaos, where God speaks and there is light...And there is a promise that as long as we follow God's way, there will be life, healing, and love.

The Very Good Gospel by Lisa Sharon Harper

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Closing Thoughts



- What excites you about this? What scares you?
- What resources, especially curricula, would you recommend?
- Other questions or thoughts?

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Thanks!!



Let's keep talking!

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Why is this important?

How is this already happening?

How can we do this more?

Who would help?

Additional Thoughts: