Our world is not as it should be. There is pain, evil, and injustice all around us. In the age of social media, it is easier than ever to stay informed about all sorts of injustices, but is sending a tweet, posting a selfie, or sharing a video about an inspiring cause really all it takes to make a difference in the world? Or is it possible that justice is about something much more than a hashtag? In this 4-week series, you’ll challenge students to not just post about the injustices around them, but to actually do something about them by loving mercy, acting justly, and walking humbly.

- Why do you think it’s so easy for people to be mean to each other?
- Have you ever seen someone get attacked for their bad behavior? What happened?
- Let’s recap: how would you define “justice”?
- What role do you think punishment plays in justice?
- Talk about a time you received mercy instead of punishment. How did it impact you?
- Have you ever needed to be “forgiven much?” What happened?
- Have you ever refused to show someone mercy? What happened?
- What role do you think mercy plays in justice?
- Read Hosea 6:6. How would you have explained this verse to Simon, the Pharisee from today’s story? Back then, remember people often made sacrifices and offerings in order to please God.
- Has anyone hurt or offended you recently? Tell us about it.
- How might you be able to show that person mercy, instead of judgment or revenge?
- This week, what’s one way you plan to show someone else mercy?

**THE BIG IDEA**

Love mercy.

**THE BIBLE**

Micah 6:6-8; Luke 7:36-50
Hosea 6:6