

JUSTICE & MERCY

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WARM UP QUESTION: What's right or wrong in our society? How do you know?

READ: Amos 2:6-14

FOCUS: We must examine ourselves and allow the Holy Spirit to address issues, strengthen our convictions and give us wisdom to navigate this election season.

OBSERVE:

- The nation of Israel was divided into two kingdoms: Judah and Israel. King Jeroboam II of Israel thought they were successful because of their military strength, territory expansion and wealth accumulation. However, there was immorality, idolatry and injustice.
- Amos, a prophet from the kingdom of Judah, warned Israel that God did not endorse them, but was patiently waiting for them to repent before His judgment came.

REFLECT:

- Philosophers and lawmakers in each society do not determine right and wrong. God's standard of righteousness persists. Unrighteousness and evil are the same regardless of the current government or societal norms.
- God's righteousness must be the compass that guides us, not the shifting standards of our society.

TAKE ACTION:

- Hold our society and government up against God's standard of right and wrong. What needs reinforcement and what needs to change?
- Stack the issues and platforms of each local and national candidate up against what needs reinforcement and what needs to change.
- Identify the candidates that best support these issues and plan to vote your conscience.

PRAY: *Heavenly Father, over the coming weeks, help me discern Your standards of right and wrong, and see how the election candidates truly compare. Help me to see beyond the media's misrepresentations of the candidates to understand what they actually believe and promote. Crystallize my thinking so I can make Godly choices. In Jesus' name, Amen.*