

**Conversations with Solomon at The Salt Creek Café Series**  
**Message # 4: Why Isn't Life Fair?**  
Core Group Discussion Guide  
February 10, 2019

**Message Overview:**

- **IF** God has a wonderful plan for your life ... **THEN** why do so many things happen to you that don't seem fair?
- **Ecclesiastes 4:1** (GN) – *"I looked again at all the injustice that goes on in this world."*
- The **QUESTION** of **INJUSTICE** can be asked many, many different ways.
  - **WHY** do bad things happen to good people?
  - **WHY** do bad people seem to prosper?
  - **WHERE** is God when I hurt?
  - If God is really God and He can do something and He is loving ... **WHERE** is He and **WHAT** is He doing?
  - **WHY** doesn't God do something about the injustice in the world?
- In our message this morning we looked at ... **the REALITY of injustice ... the REASONS for injustice, and ... my RESPONSE – what should I do about it?**

**Text:** Ecclesiastes 3:16-22; 4:1-6

**Questions for Discussion:**

- **OPEN IT –**
  - 1. What are some unjust things you see in the world?**
  - 2. What are some ways injustice rules even in America?**
- **EXPLORE IT –**
  1. Why won't injustice and oppression ever be done away with in this world?
  - 2. How should Christians respond to unfair treatment?**
  3. What difference does it make that Jesus underwent humiliation and unfair treatment?
- **GET IT –**
  - 1. In what ways do we expect mercy for ourselves when we have wronged someone and yet desire justice when a person wrongs us?**
  2. How do you find balance as a Christian between trying or not trying to correct some social injustice that you know will never be eliminated?
  3. When is it important to stand up for people who have been oppressed and treated unjustly?
- **APPLY IT –**
  1. How can the church of Jesus Christ seek justice while waiting for Christ's return?
  - 2. How should you respond the next time you receive unfair treatment?**
  3. How can we be sure that we are emphasizing justice and the love of God instead of our own lists of things others ought to do?
- **BE SURE TO TAKE TIME TO DISCUSS THE QUESTIONS IN BOLD TYPE.**