



# Repent of Injustice

March Quarter

Lesson 13

# OPENING QUESTIONS

***What do you hold onto so dearly?  
How would you react if you lost something you deeply cherished?***



# Jeremiah 22:1-3

- **Jeremiah 22:1** This is what the LORD said to me: “Go over and speak directly to the king of Judah. Say to him,
- **2** ‘Listen to this message from the LORD, you king of Judah, sitting on David’s throne. Let your attendants and your people listen, too.
- **3** This is what the LORD says: Be fair- minded and just. Do what is right! Help those who have been robbed; rescue them from their oppressors. Quit your evil deeds! Do not mistreat foreigners, orphans, and widows. Stop murdering the innocent!

# Jeremiah 22:4-6

- **4** If you obey me, there will always be a descendant of David sitting on the throne here in Jerusalem. The king will ride through the palace gates in chariots and on horses, with his parade of attendants and subjects.
- **5** But if you refuse to pay attention to this warning, I swear by my own name, says the LORD, that this palace will become a pile of rubble.”
- **6** Now this is what the LORD says concerning Judah’s royal palace: “I love you as much as fruitful Gilead and the green forests of Lebanon. But I will turn you into a desert, with no one living within your walls.

# Jeremiah 22:7-10

- **7** I will call for wreckers, who will bring out their tools to dismantle you. They will tear out all your fine cedar beams and throw them on the ground.
- **8** People from many nations will pass by the ruins of this city and say to one another, ‘Why did the LORD destroy such a great city?’
- **9** And the answer will be, ‘Because they violated their covenant with the LORD their God by worshiping other gods.’”
- **10** Do not weep for the dead king or mourn his loss. Instead, weep for the captive king being led away! For he will never return to see his native land again.

# DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- God calls His people to respond to His simple call to execute justice in their lives and in the lives of the people over whom they have decision-making authority. These are the values that the leadership and people of Judah have left behind. God is calling for them to repent and return to Him.
- With Him, their covenant a relationship is intact. With Him, the God of justice reigns and not the god of self-centeredness. With Him, treating people right is a prerequisite to being in relationship with God. These calls to respond and remember are urgent, because the further away one goes, the longer and more difficult it is to return.
- *In what ways do we and our nation need to return to God? What have we forgotten about God and our covenant that allows us to mistreat others?*

# APPLICATION FOR ACTIVATION

- **In our prayer life, it is important to have a correct image of the God to whom we are praying. We indeed do pray to a gracious God, but it is also needful to remember that we are praying to a God who loves justice.**
- **Let that guide what we pray for and whom we pray for. Let us not only pray for but actively seek people whom we come across that need to be covered with justice and salvation. Whether it is providing money or volunteering or organizing, let us be moved to help set people free.**
- **We should remember our covenant values and remember people's humanity, act with justice, and not add any extra obstacle to people who are already burdened. We should actually work to alleviate those very burdens.**