

**David: A Study of 1+2 Samuel
Justice and Righteousness**

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2 Samuel 8

Big Idea: God is building an eternal kingdom of justice and righteousness.

2 Samuel 8:14-15

What are righteousness and justice?

What does righteousness mean?

Righteousness = aligning yourself and your relationships with what is right.

What does justice mean?

Justice = fixing what is wrong, disordered, or vulnerable in the world around us.

Psalm 89:14

Psalm 33:5

Isaiah 5:7b

2 Samuel 8:15

Righteousness and justice are what Jesus came to accomplish.

Isaiah 9:7a

Matthew 5:6

Matthew 23:23

How can we be people of justice and righteousness today?

Justice and righteousness start with our hearts.

Justice and righteousness are about what you do more than they are about what you think.

Matthew 25:35-36

3. Have someone read **Isaiah 5:7** and **Isaiah 9:7**. God expresses disappointment when he expects justice but hears "cries of despair," yet he promises a Messiah who will sustain the throne with righteousness forever. How does knowing that Jesus is the only one who can perfectly establish this kingdom change how we approach the injustices we see in our own city?

4. In **2 Samuel 8:15**, David's leadership was marked by justice and righteousness "for all his people." Since righteousness is about aligning our relationships with God's will, what is one specific relationship in your life right now where you need to **grow** in your character so that your interactions reflect God's heart more than your own preferences?

5. In **2 Samuel 8**, the Lord gave David victory wherever he went, and he used that security to care for his people. How can you **go** and use a specific blessing or "victory" you've received—like your time, your resources, or your home—to meet the needs of someone mentioned in **Matthew 25:35-36** as a way to share the love of Christ?