

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

God of Righteousness

Getting Started

Have you ever witnessed a miscarriage of justice? Explain.

Digging In

1. **Read Gen. 18:23-25.** In these verses, Abraham is interceding for the city of Sodom, where his nephew Lot lived. What do these verses reveal about Abraham's understanding of God?
2. Fast forward six centuries to the time of Moses. **Read Exodus 34:6-7.** What did God reveal to Moses about his righteousness?

Note: *punishes the children.* The children are not held guilty for the sin of their parents, but they suffer the results of their parents' sin. Sin has consequences which affect others.

3. **Read Deut 32:4.** List all the things we learn about God in this verse.
4. In your own words, what does it mean that God is righteous?
5. **Read Romans 3:21-26.** How can we be made righteous?
6. Because God is holy and righteous, he must punish sin. How, then, can we escape judgment for our sins? To put it differently, how can God be just, and not punish us for our sins?
7. **Read John 3:35-36.** What will happen to those who reject the Son of God?
8. **Read 2 Peter 3:8-13.** Why is God patient?
9. With whom is he patient?
10. In light of the coming day of judgment, how should we live now? (cf. also 1 Corinthians 3:10-15)



Getting Personal

- **Read Romans 12:17-21.** The Bible teaches that God is the righteous Judge. How can this help us leave judgment in God's hands?
- How does an awareness of God's righteousness and wrath motivate us to live godly lives? (cf. Colossians 3:5-6)