

Hope Presbyterian Church
Sermon-Based Bible Study Group



April 14, 2024

“Justice” - #2 in the series God on Film

Texts (NIV): Isaiah 10:1-2, Zechariah 7:9-10, Luke 11:39-42

1. What stood out to you about the message?

2. In the Disney animated film version of *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*, Quasimodo, suffers extreme humiliation and violence because of his lower social status and physical disability.
 - Why does mistreatment of the vulnerable seem part of the human condition?
 - Why is it difficult to stand up to this kind of injustice?

3. Consider the scene when Esmerelda rushes to defend Quasimodo who has been shackled in the midst of an angry crowd.
 - What does she demonstrate about the characteristics of restorative justice - compassion, action, and calling out injustice?
 - What examples of compassion and action in confronting injustice in history or in real life have been influential or inspirational for you?

4. **Read Isaiah 10:1-2, Zechariah 7: 9-10.**
 - Why do some leaders seem intent on establishing “unjust laws” designed to discriminate against the vulnerable?
 - What are some legal and social injustices we currently see in our community? In our country?

5. **Read Luke 11:39-42.**
 - What might be a modern interpretation of the metaphorical “cleaning the outside of the cup” but not the inside?
 - How does our sense of justice - retributive or restorative - influence how we think about community?

6. How can we pray for you?