

3. **Just Mercy** highlights the power of _____ in overcoming racial injustice.

- Proximity causes us to _____ and _____.
- Proximity _____ disfavored and marginalized people.
- Proximity is _____ and _____.
- Proximity is what the _____ is all about.

NEXT STEPS:

- _____ the truth of racial injustice through engagement in at least one more resource on our Racial Justice Recommended Resources List.
- Find one way to get physically _____ to someone ethnically different than you.

NEXT WEEK:

Redeeming Our Broken World
Ecclesiastes 4:1-16

We continue our Reel Grace 2020 series today with *Just Mercy*, a compelling and a challenging look at ongoing racial injustice in our nation . . .

1. **Just Mercy** exposes the _____ of racial injustice.

- When racial injustice is out of _____, it's out of _____.
- Because racial injustice has happened in our history and it's still happening in our country today, then we must _____ about it. Because God _____ about it.

2. **Just Mercy** exposes the _____ of racial injustice.

- Racial injustice is _____ sin.
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Growth Groups are the glue which holds our church together, the way we find and follow Jesus together. If you are not involved in a Growth Group, now is the time to jump in at gracecentralcoast.org.

This year, our aim is to see our Growth Groups embody our 3-fold identity as followers of Jesus: Family, Servant, and Missionary. To that end, we're framing our Growth Group Interaction Guide to help groups move in that direction.

During the COVID-19 crisis our groups are meeting live and virtually using Zoom and other online platforms.

Connecting Together

If you had a chance to see Just Mercy, what was your emotional reaction to the movie?

Digging into God's Word & the Message Together

1. How did you "come under" God's Word in the text and message this week? How did God speak to you or challenge you?
2. How aware are you of the history of race relations and today's current events concerning race relations in our country? Why is this an area that we must care about, even though it often seems far away?
3. Read Daniel 9:3-10, 17-19. What is happening in this text and how does it relate to our discussion of racial injustice and the movie Just Mercy?

4. What does it mean to be PROXIMATE and why is it so powerful? Why is it uncomfortable? How does Bryan Stevenson get proximate? How does Jesus get proximate?
5. What NEXT STEP will you take in response to this message?
6. **Your Growth Group as a Family:** What are practical ways we can together get PROXIMATE with the disfavored, the marginalized and those different than us?
7. **Your Growth Group as Servant/Missionary:** What are practical ways we can move toward a more robust and Biblical ethnic diversity here at Grace Central Coast in light of the 30% non-white population of SLO County?

Praying Together

- Pray for the checking and dissipation of this Covid-19 virus.
- Pray for the healing of individuals and communities that contacted the Covid-19 virus.
- Pray for the safety of healthcare and others working on the frontlines of the Covid-19 crisis.
- Pray for the financial provision of businesses and individuals who have lost work because of this Covid-19 crisis.
- Pray for wisdom for county, state, and national leaders as they make crucial decisions during this Covid-19 crisis.
- Using Daniel 9 as a launch pad, confess our corporate sin of racial injustice and plead God's mercy.
- Pray for one another's needs.