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2 FORMS OF JUSTICE IN THE BIBLE

RETRIBUTIVE JUSTICE (Romans 12:19)

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE (Micah 6:8)

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- 2) **Biblical justice seeks to _____ people to their Creator.**
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- 4) **God is calling us to be an _____ for those who do not have a voice.**

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DIGGING DEEPER

- 1) Explain the difference between retributive and restorative justice.
- 2) What are two major differences between secular and biblical justice?
- 3) Do you tend to neglect *biblical* justice because of the social/political climate? Why is this dangerous?
- 4) If the goal of biblical justice is to restore people to their creator, how does that happen?
- 5) How can we "identify" with people at the bottom?
- 6) Of the "quartet of the vulnerable," (see Zech 7:9-10 above) which do you struggle to identify with? (look up "sojourner" if you don't know that word.)
- 7) How do we sometimes *fail* to identify with people at the bottom? How can *you* do better?
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