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International Justice Mission

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Key Takeaway

Biblical justice calls believers to move beyond awareness and actively participate in God's work of protecting the vulnerable and restoring dignity to those who suffer injustice.

SUMMARY

In this episode, Andrew talks with Miguel Lau, Senior Officer of Church Partnerships for International Justice Mission (IJM). Miguel discusses the relationship between justice, faith, and the work of the church and explains how IJM partners with local authorities and churches around the world to protect vulnerable people from violence, human trafficking, slavery, and abuse. The conversation explores biblical justice, the proper use of power, the role of public justice systems, and why Christians should view justice not as a political issue but as a central aspect of God's redemptive work in the world.

Scripture passage: Amos 5:21-24

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. *Listen: 25:10-29:31.* When you hear the word justice, what comes to mind? How does this conversation expand or challenge your understanding of justice from a biblical perspective?
2. *Listen: 29:34-39:05.* Miguel connects faith and justice throughout the episode. Why do you think some churches find it difficult to engage issues of justice?
3. Listen: *39:55-41:10.* How does viewing justice as part of God's restoration of the world change the way we think about Christian discipleship and mission?
4. *Listen: 41:10-46:55.* What are some examples where helping people in need is not enough unless the underlying causes of the problem are also addressed?
5. What responsibilities come with positions of influence, authority, or privilege? How can Christians use their power in ways that reflect God's character? What unique contributions can the church make in addressing injustice?

REFLECTION QUESTION

Where do you see people in your community who may be vulnerable, overlooked, or lacking protection? What is one specific action you can take this month to advocate for, support, or stand alongside someone experiencing injustice or hardship?