

**Session 5: Becoming
a Mouthpiece for
Truth and Justice
Lenten Bible Study •
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**“But let justice roll on
like a river,
righteousness like a
never-failing stream.”
—Amos 5:24**

**I. Welcome.
Introductions and
Prayer**

II. Teaser: Is there a kind of food you simply can't resist? Do you have a strategy for stopping once you start? What are some good parts of our

**culture that would help
make it easier to stop?**

III. Video Segment

a. In the video

**segment, Mark tells
the story of Jeremy.**

**What are some of the
things that sometimes**

make it hard to speak up on our frontlines?

b. At one point, Mark suggests that the point of speaking up for truth and justice may not always be winning. Do you agree?

c. When you have an opportunity to confront someone about something not being right, do you usually go in guns blazing or approach it more diplomatically? How do you help

**people hear your
point?**

IV. 2 Samuel 12:1–13

**a. Can you list some of
the sins and injustices
of David's actions?**

**b. If you were Nathan,
why might you decide**

to NOT confront King David?

c. What does God (through Nathan) say the consequences of David's sins and injustices are going to be?

V. Luke 19:1–10

a. Mark Greene's take on being a mouthpiece for truth and justice is confrontational and negative. How would you describe Jesus' approach in this

case? Did Jesus get what he hoped for?

b. If Zacchaeus followed through as he says, what do you think would have changed where he lived and worked?

VI. Conclusions

**“In humility value others
above yourselves, not
looking to your own
interests
but each of you should
look to the interests of
others.**

Your attitude should be

**the same as that of
Christ Jesus.” —
Philippians 2:3-4**