

WHAT'S GOD LIKE? GOD IS RIGHTEOUS AND JUST



Memory verse: Deuteronomy 32:4 (RSV)

'all his ways are justice.

*A God of faithfulness and without iniquity,
just and right is he.'*

BIG QUESTION: DO YOU ALWAYS DO THE RIGHT THING?

GET RIGHT

There's a story in the bible where a woman is caught doing something wrong. In those days if you were caught doing bad things you would be stoned to death! Sounds very harsh doesn't it?! That's a lot worse than being sat on the naughty step. Well, these people took the woman to Jesus and told Him what she'd done. Apparently Jesus just ignored them for a bit and started drawing on the floor. But when they persisted he said "The sinless one among you, go first: Throw the stone". Slowly everyone dropped there stones and disappeared. Until the only people left were the woman and Jesus. So Jesus said to her "Woman, where are they? Does no one condemn you?" "No one, Master." "Neither do I," said Jesus.

This week we're talking about God being righteous and just together, because in the bible there's only one word that covers both. He's righteous and just, everything He does is right and He never gets anything wrong. He's the most 'right' being in

the universe. God is the standard of righteousness; everything else should be measured against Him. The only person left with the woman, the only person without sin, the only person who could throw a stone... was Jesus. But he didn't. He forgave her.

SOMETHING TO DO

Why don't you watch this video together, it's the animated version of this story. www.youtube.com/watch?v=HyNQNZzvIjk



Sometimes we pick up stones, not real ones, No. Stones that we throw with our words. We think that we're right or maybe more right or righteous than other people. So we get ready to throw stones. We're not righteous, we've all made mistakes. We don't measure up to God's righteousness. In fact in the end we're actually all more like the woman caught doing something wrong. But, do you know what the best thing about the gospel is? If we believe in Jesus then He will forgive us too, but not just forgive us. He gives us his righteousness! He makes us as righteous as he is! Paul spoke about this when he said 'This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe' (Romans 3:22, NIV). God is righteous and just and if you believe in Him He will make you 'right' before God.

SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT

- What stones do you need to drop today?
- Have you asked Jesus to forgive you for the bad things you've done? If not why don't you do it now?



PRAYER

Lord Jesus, Thank you for dying for me and making me 'right' before God. Please help me to put down my stones and forgive. Amen.