



Mercy and Justice

Gate Bible Study

for individuals and small groups

We recommend you listen to the introductory sermon of the *Fling Wide the Gates* vision by Elaine Sutherland and the podcast/YouTube sermons that relate to this gate by Chris Szejnmann and Bridget Patel. All are available through our website www.htl.church.

If you are using this as an individual study, please use the group element to think of others you might discuss this with.

IN Welcome one another and ask everyone in one sentence to share some way they have seen the New Sound Gate at work this week this week, then spend a few minutes in thanksgiving prayer.

UP The Mercy and Justice Gate is the Good News of the Kingdom of God.

- In the last 50 years or so some would say the church has created a 'social gospel', a false division, so that good works lack the message of the full gospel and visa versa. Whatever our thoughts on this it is clear that across the world the Lord is calling His church afresh to administer mercy and justice. At Holy Trinity our Gates reflect the nature of God, to remind us of this look up these scriptures and simply read them: Ps 33:5; Eph 2:4; Is 30:18-19; John 14:18
- What picture do the following scriptures paint of the nature of God being one of mercy and justice? Isaiah 1:17; Micah 6:8; Luke 6:36; Zech 7:9; Hosea 12:6; Psalm 37:27-29; Amos 5:24; Romans 12:19-20
- Let's dig deeper into two passages of scripture the first relates to the sermon Isaiah 58:1-12 and Matthew 25:31-46. What are the commands in these scriptures? What challenges and gives you hope in them?
- At HTL there are three specific areas we believe God is asking us be a prophetic voice in: Modern Slavery, Racism and Care for the Environment. One would hope that over time these will change and it's important to stress that focusing on these should not mean be ignore all other areas of mercy and justice. However, over the coming months we will be giving opportunities for you to get involved with these at a whole variety of levels. How might you embrace this challenge? What questions and concerns do you have? What creative ideas would you like to contribute? Please email Elaine (esutherland@htl.church).



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OUT How will you and your MSC go through the Mercy and Justice Gate? If you are doing this study individually to whom can you be accountable for your next steps. Commit this week to intentionally spending time soaking in the mercy and love of God for yourself and seeking God as to how you respond to the issues of modern slavery, racism and care for the environment.

Finally, Read Job 12:22 and spend just a few minutes naming how this gate flows into the other gates and how they flow into this: Full Gospel Gate, New Sound Gate, Living Word Gate, Prayer & Presence Gate, Salvation Gate, All Peoples Gate.

End with prayer; confession, thanksgiving and supplication for the city, for the mercy ministries within Holy Trinity, for the three areas we are currently focusing on at Holy Trinity as previously mentioned and for yourselves.

Book Recommendation if this is new to you:

A Gift of Love.
Martin Luther King JR.



**Fling Wide
the Gates**