



# The Christian Methodist Episcopal Church

## Department of Christian Education

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### Sunday School Lessons Unit Three "Called to God's Work of Justice" May 2020

The study this quarter focuses on justice as presented in Scriptures from the prophets and in the reading for Easter Sunday, which is taken from First Corinthians. The prophets communicated God's will to the people. They called for repentance and justice. Unit III, "Called to God's Work of Justice," has five sessions that explore ways that people are called to participate in God's work of justice. Zephaniah presents both a judgment against the wickedness and injustice of Jerusalem and a vision of restoration. Zechariah calls for a return to God's ways of justice. In Jeremiah, God's rigorous standards for justice are defined and God's people are given a choice either to repent injustices by executing justice or to face destruction. Hosea uses early history to call the people to love and justice.

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#### Unifying Principle

Society often ignores and even condones the oppression of the vulnerable. Will righteousness be rewarded, and will evil face retribution? Through the prophet Jeremiah, God exhorts the people either to repent of injustice and deliver those who are oppressed or to face destruction.

#### Goals for the Learners

- ✓ To understand that the covenant relationship between God and God's people requires justice.
- ✓ To repent for injustice and seek to deliver the oppressed.
- ✓ To become active agents of deliverance for the oppressed.



#### Challenges for the Week

- How well do various world leaders perform the tasks mentioned in Jeremiah 22:3?
- What are your thoughts about sin and repentance?
- In reading Jeremiah 22:10, why does the Lord prohibit mourning the death of a godly king (Josiah) and command weeping for the exile of an evil king (Jehoaahaz). Why wouldn't it be the other way around?
- Name examples of ways the new covenant is neglected in ways that are parallel with the forsaking of the old covenant.
- Identify people in the community who are oppressed. Ask God for forgiveness for tolerance of this oppression and to show ways to address it.
- Identify ways you can become active agents of deliverance for the oppressed in your community.

