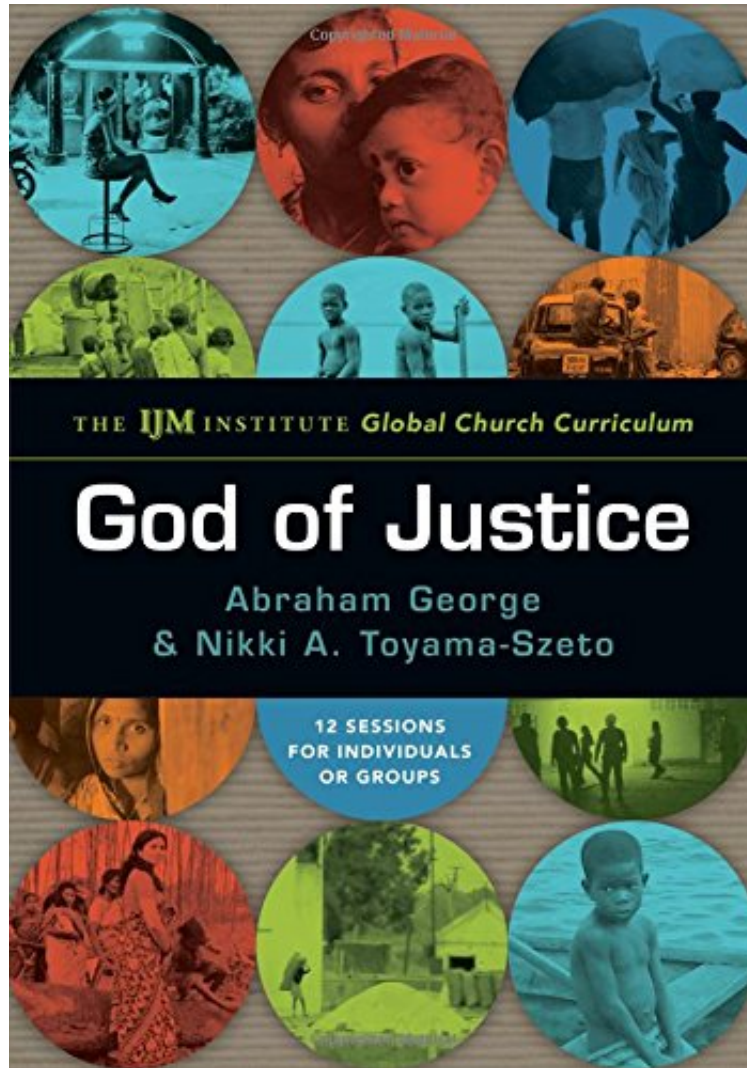


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2015 Readers' Choice Award Winner The level of injustice in the world is staggering. The church can respond. International Justice Mission (IJM) has rescued thousands of people from oppression and violence. IJM also partners with thousands of churches to help them live out the mandate of Isaiah 1:17: to seek justice, rescue the oppressed and care for orphans and widows. Christians need to be equipped and mobilized to be the hands and feet of Jesus to those who are vulnerable and oppressed. The God of Justice is a twelve-session, discussion-based curriculum from IJM that explores the biblical narrative of justice throughout the whole of Scripture, from Genesis to Revelation. Through the participatory study of Scripture, Christians will explore God's call to engage in bringing about justice on earth. While coming to a deeper knowledge and understanding of biblical justice, participants will draw personal application for the pursuit of justice ministry in their individual lives and the wider church. Prepare to have your heart and mind engaged, to be instructed by Scripture, and to be challenged by real-life stories of people freed by the God of justice. This curriculum will help you and your church bring freedom, restoration and reconciliation to those in need. Discover how God reveals himself to those who join him on his justice journey!

"I love everything about this guidethe stories, the questions, the Scriptures, the prayers, the insights into personal and systemic issues that perpetuate injustice all over the world. Since God is a God of justice, this study will lead you deeper into the heart of God. And there is no one better than the staff of IJM to help you get there!" (Ruth Haley Barton, founder, Transforming Center, author of Strengthening the Soul of Your Leadership)"This is a wonderful resource for the church! It's a great Bible study overviewing God's heart for justice and the role it plays in the overarching biblical story. May more churches gain God's heart for the vulnerable and oppressed through this study." (Eddie Byun, author of Justice Awakening)"Toyama-Szeto and George have built a formative resource for the global church. Deep passion and robust scholarship combine to form compelling insights for a sustained engagement in justice. An essential tool for churches desiring to bring freedom and restoration for the vulnerable." (Gary A. Haugen, president, International Justice Mission)"George and Toyama-Szeto provide an incredibly accessible, biblically grounded and much needed resource for groups seeking to press into a deeper conversation and journey around justice." (R. York Moore, Outreach Magazine's Resources of the Year, March/April 2016)About the AuthorAbraham

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