

Meeting Guide: JUSTICE

Check in on experience with the last month's virtue. – Sincerity

- What surprised you about practicing it?
- What did you learn?
- Was it easier than you thought it would be?
- Was it harder?

This month's virtue: Justice

Franklin's precept for justice: **"Wrong none, by doing injuries or omitting the benefits that are your duty."**

What does this mean to you?

Sample questions:

- Franklin's precept for justice seems to be do no harm. Is that a good definition? What's your definition of justice? What do you think society's definition is?
- The phrase "social justice" gets thrown around a lot. What does it mean exactly? Are social justice and justice different?
- Can you think of any paragons of justice?
- What's the best way to respond after you've been unjust to someone? What's the best way to respond after someone has been unjust to you?
- Is there something you identify in the community as a sign of injustice? How often do you find yourself speaking out against it?

Quotes:

"Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced."

— James Baldwin

"Justice will not be served until those who are unaffected are as outraged as those who are."

— Ben Franklin



“Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.”

— Martin Luther King Jr.

“Never forget that justice is what love looks like in public.”

— Cornel West

“The noblest worship is to make yourself as good and as just as you can.”

— Socrates

Set commitments. Take a moment and think how to practice justice in your own life. Identify a goal for something you’d like to achieve or work on until the next meeting.

Sample commitments for justice:

- Think of someone you have acted unjustly toward this past year. Commit to reaching out to them and admitting you acted unfairly.
- Commit to one civic activity in the next month. Could you volunteer in your community? Attend a local community board meeting?
- Is there something you see happening in the community that you think is unjust? Can you commit to finding a way to speak up about it?

Fun stuff from the BFC blog:

- <http://benfranklincircles.org/justice/does-justice-evolve-in-time>