

GENTLE JUSTICE

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And a man was there with a withered hand. And they asked him, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?”—so that they might accuse him.

— Matthew 12:10 (ESV)

When his family heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, “He is out of his mind.”

— Mark 3:21 (NIV)



EVERY NATION
SINGAPORE

HOOK

 Start the conversation by saying...

On February 24, 2016, the Facebook “Like” button was relaunched as five “Reactions,” allowing users to respond with specific varying emotions.

ENGAGE

 Go deeper with this...

What is the Reaction you’re most likely to use for a Facebook post? What themes or topics usually elicit a Reaction from you?

LINK

 Connect to God’s truth by sharing...

- While Jesus was on earth, there were many different responses to Him.
- He was unorthodox. His authority was constantly being questioned.
- Unlike, the harsh, strict justice of the world, Jesus’ gentle justice is done in love.
- Here are three general responses to Jesus while He was on earth:
 - The Pharisees accused and discredited Him.
 - Jesus’ own family didn’t believe He was telling the truth.
 - But some people believed Jesus and decided to follow Him.
- Our response should be to believe and follow Jesus, knowing He is the Creator and Lord of all.

PAUSE

 Pick a question and pray together...

Discuss Together (*pick one*)

- How did you respond to the story of Jesus? (Skeptical? Disbelieving? Believing?)
- Have you experienced the “gentle justice” of Jesus? Can you tell us about it?

Pray Together (*pick one*)

- Pray to know and understand more about the justice of Jesus, which is gentle, not harsh.
- Pray that you will continually respond with trust and faith in God, no matter the situation.
- Pray for others to hear about Jesus and respond in the right way, which will transform them from the inside out.

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They replied, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household.”

— Acts 16:31 (NIV)

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.

— Hebrews 11:1 (NIV)