

## Let Justice Roll Down

*Justice and Just Us: Amos 5:21-24*

## Discussion Points

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### Read & Reflect

1. Amos was a farmer, not a religious authority figure. In his time Israel was doing well, economically they were prosperous, politically they were secure, and religiously they were devout. Read Amos 5:18-27. How do you think Amos' sermon was received by the original hearers?
2. Why is God so dissatisfied with the spiritual life of his people?

### Explore

3. What kind of comparisons can you make between the people of God in Amos' time and God's people in North America today?
4. When the word "justice" is mentioned, what images come to your mind?
5. Can you name three current issues, locally or globally that have to do with social justice (i.e. with a concern for right relationship with God and neighbour)? How important are they to you?

### Pray:

*"Let my heart be broken by the things that break the heart of God."*

(Bob Pierce, World Vision founder)

- Pray for a soft heart towards people and situations that God is concerned about. Pray in humility, repentance and love

*May God bless us with discomfort at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships, so that we may live deep within our hearts.*

*May God bless us with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people, so that we may work for justice, freedom and peace.*

*May God bless us with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation and war, so that we may reach out our hands to comfort them and turn their pain into joy.*

*And may God bless us with enough foolishness to believe that we can make a difference in this world, so that we can do what others claim cannot be done.*

A Franciscan Benediction