**WOODLANDS CHURCH**

**February 11th 2018. Hope**

**Discussion notes: Hope for Justice**

This Sunday Ben Cooley, founder of Hope for Justice was speaking at Woodlands. Hope for Justice is an organisation that not only helps the victims of people trafficking, but seeks to bring the perpetrators to justice. Biblically, God is a God of Justice as well as mercy and is the one to whom all must give account. Yet Christians are often shy about getting involved in justice issues.

1. How would you describe the difference between justice and mercy?
2. Why is it easier to show mercy than work for justice?
3. Justice process can take a long time. What does the bible say about longevity of Justice process, e.g. Luke 18: 1-8 and 2 Peter 3? What can sustain hope in a period of waiting?
4. What would it look like for you to become someone who campaigned for justice? What area of injustice has got your attention?
5. How does the nature of God as judge affect your relationship with him?

Hope for justice, like International Justice Mission demonstrates the mercy and justice of God hand in hand. Why not research more about the work of these organisations as a small group?