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Sunday School Lessons Unit One

"God's Prophets Demand Justice"

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We are providing these notes from the Committee on Uniform Series that prepares associated Sunday School lesson outlines long in advance of their usage. Included in this Guide are thoughts that are reflected in the Lesson Development Guide for writers of Sunday school lessons and the recommended commentary of the Department of Christian Education, The New International Lesson Annual published by Abingdon Press Nashville, Tennessee.

The Summer Quarter (June-July-August) focuses on the need for us to recognize that "God's Prophets Demand Justice." The first unit is entitled "Amos Rails Against Injustice."

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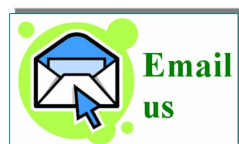
Some persons care only about accumulating lavish possessions for themselves and care nothing for those who possess little. What happens to greedy and selfish people? God will dispossess the greedy and selfish and thus demonstrates God's justice.

Goal for the Learners

- ✓ To explore God's response to injustice as recorded by Amos.
- ✓ To reflect upon ways individuals practice greed and selfishness.
- ✓ To discover ways God does justice in the midst of injustice and how humans can join God in the fight against injustice.

Lesson Challenges for the Week

- Investigate socially responsible investing. How can you support companies that share your ethical values, particularly concerning justice for all people?
- Review your income and assets. How much truly is enough for you to live on? How are you acquiring whatever resources you have? What do you think Jesus would say to you about your lifestyle and your treatment of others, particularly in light of your lifestyle?
- Look around your community or region. Do you observe any unjust practices, such as toxic products being disposed of in a poor community, or poor communities, lacking affordably priced groceries, or a lack of medical services? With whom can you work to change whatever unjust practices you observe?



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