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What evidence would they likely give for this?

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3. Define and discuss the differences between retributive justice and restorative justice. Is either a new concept for you?
When you hear the word “justice” which version comes to mind first?
How might this affect your reading of scripture and your posture in the world?

What was your response to learning that 90% of the biblical references to justice connote restorative justice? How might this knowledge affect your reading of scripture and posture in the world going forward?

4. When you think about righteousness do you primarily think about relationships with other people? Why or why not? If righteousness in the Hebrew Bible refers to treating other people with the God-given dignity they deserve what does it mean to “do righteousness” both individually and socially?
5. Choose an area of injustice/unrighteousness you see in our world (oppression of the vulnerable, lack of care for the poor, corrupted systems, punitive fines, marginalization and degradation of people, etc.). Begin to imagine what a Christian response might be to this issue on both the individual and corporate/social levels.

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