

PARTICIPANT WORKSHEET

This week we ask how political we should get as Christians. You'll hear from a church in Malawi for whom climate change is an intensely personal and practical injustice. We'll look at some of the uncomfortable Bible teaching about justice and think about what it means for us, here and now.

The Malawi clip

What is the difference between justice and compassion?

Politics teaching

Group questions

Isaiah 1:15-17 and James 5:1-6

- How do you think these two passages should challenge the UK church today?

- Do you think Christians in the UK influence our government, and if so, how?

- How are you and your small group expressing God's desire for justice in the world in your life?

Take-away action

Some ideas for starters:

- Buy your local newspaper, and look for any stories that strike you about local injustice. Write to your MP or councillor (<http://findyourmp.parliament.uk/commons/l/>)
- Sign the *Micah* call at www.micahchallenge.org.uk and subscribe to 'Take Five' – *Micah's* monthly action email.
- Suggest your workplace only uses Fairtrade tea and coffee.
- Discover Tearfund's latest campaign actions at www.tearfund.org/campaigning
- Switch to a more ethical bank, eg the Co-operative bank.
- Improve your recycling.
- Switch to energy-saving light bulbs.
- Switch to a green energy provider.

Action no.1:

Action no.2: