The gospel of Jesus orients our souls towards a new life with God; the practice of worship also orients our souls towards a new life with God. Making room in our lives to nurture the wellbeing of our community brings action into a new life with God.

do I make room to serve my community?								
why is God in t	his passage?							
means noth pursue	ing unless people also in their communities							
 restoring a path 	ook like in our community? of to people from has been denied or taken							
God's anger against _ towards	has been directed							
	when I make of my community							

We believe that God has revealed himself as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people; we believe that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged; we believe that God calls the church to follow him in this, for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry. —Belhar Confession Article 4

Make Room in Your Life

Amos 5:14-24 (NIV)



¹⁴ Seek <mark>good</mark>, not evil, that you may live.

Then the LORD God Almighty will be with you, just as you say he is.

¹⁵ Hate evil, love good;

maintain justice in the courts.

Perhaps the LORD God Almighty will have mercy on the remnant of Joseph.

¹⁶Therefore this is what the Lord, the LORD God Almighty, says:

"There will be wailing in all the streets

and cries of anguish in every public square.

The farmers will be summoned to weep and the mourners to wail.

¹⁷There will be wailing in all the vineyards, for I will pass through your midst," says the LORD.

¹⁸ Woe to you who long for the day of the LORD!

Why do you long for the day of the LORD?

That day will be darkness, not light.

¹⁹ It will be as though a man fled from a lion only to meet a bear,

as though he entered his house and rested his hand on the wall only to have a snake bite him.

²⁰ Will not the day of the LORD be darkness, not light—pitch-dark, without a ray of brightness?

²¹ "I hate, I despise your religious festivals; your assemblies are a stench to me.

 $^{\rm 22}$ Even though you bring me burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them.

Though you bring choice fellowship offerings,

I will have no regard for them.
²³ Away with the noise of your songs!

I will not listen to the music of your harps.

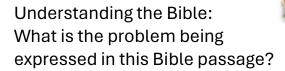
²⁴But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!



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Make Room in Your Life

Amos 5:14-24; James 1:27





How does God show up in this Bible Passage?

What are justice and righteousness compared to in today's Bible passage?

My favorite song today:

Things I will pray for this week:

Today's Bible Passage: Amos 5:14-24

(Can you find the highlighted words?)

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Seek good, not evil, that you may live. Then the **LORD** God **Almighty** will be with you, just as you say he is. Hate evil, love good; maintain justice in the courts. Perhaps the LORD God **Almighty** will have mercy on the remnant of Joseph. Therefore this is what the Lord, the **LORD** God Almighty, says: "There will be wailing in all the

streets and **cries** of **anguish** in **every** public square. The farmers will be summoned to weep and the mourners to **wail**. **There** will be wailing in all the vineyards, for I will pass through your midst," says the **LORD**. Woe to you who **long** for the day of the **LORD**! Why do you **long** for the day of the **LORD**? That day will be **darkness**, not **light**. It will be as **though** a man fled from a lion **only** to meet a bear, as **though** he entered his house and rested his hand on the wall **only** to have a snake bite him. Will not the day of the **LORD** be **darkness**, not **light**—pitch-dark, without a ray of brightness? "I **hate**, I despise your religious festivals; your assemblies are a stench to me. Even **though** you **bring** me burnt **offerings** and grain **offerings**, I will not accept them. **Though** you **bring** choice fellowship **offerings**, I will have no regard for them. Away with the noise of your songs! I will not listen to the music of your harps. But let **justice** roll on **like** a river, righteousness **like** a neverfailing stream!