*Outline for Sabbath School Teachers with ideas for group discussion inspired by the Teachers’ Edition of the Sabbath School Lesson prepared by the General Conference SS ministry.*

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Title: Mercy and Justice in Psalms and Proverbs

*Key texts: Salmo 82; 9:7-9,13-20; 101; 146; Pro 13:23,25; 30:7-9.*

A. Themes to Explore:

1. In the Psalms we read of faith, worship, praise and spirituality, but also cries for justice, goodness and kindness.
2. In the Psalms and Proverbs there are lessons of hospitality, solidarity, compassion for the poor and the oppressed – for the least.
3. The least, the poor, the oppressed - whoever is in need finds in the psalms a door of hope in God’s justice.

**B. Teaching Suggestions**

1. Highlight the important place that attention to justice and the needs of others should have in the in the life of the believer and the duties of the church.

**C. Other possible questions for deeper study, debate, sharing and testimony**

1. Read Psalm 82 (twice is better) and ask yourself which elements of this psalm engage you and which are new to you?
2. How can we find the right balance between waiting for God’s justice and our right to have justice done now?
3. Read Psalm 101 - what first steps are we invited to take in service to our neighbours?
4. Think of a concrete service that you could offer as a group?

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Standard Questions to Help Facilitate Group Discussion:

1. Why is this lesson important to me? What new things have I discovered?

2. What is not clear to me and what else is there still to learn from God’s Word?

3. Where and how can I practice what I’ve learned from God’s Word?

4. How can I begin to apply what I have learned from God’s Word and communicate it to others?