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Here two authors with firsthand experience in the justice movement encourage us to ground our call to justice in sound biblical and theological teaching as we engage with the most critical global needs of our time. The authors connect justice to Scripture, the character of God, and the long traditions of the church so that our passion meets perseverance and justice becomes an enduring and integrated part of our life and faith.

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Landon Jones says

I really liked this incredibly thoughtful book on our calling as Christians to pursue justice everywhere. I wish that the authors explored what the global church is doing already to fight for the Kingdom of God. This book overall really opens your eyes to major problems around the world.

Annie says

The lament and perseverance part best. Skimmed much of the overwritten reform theology.

Dave McNeely says

This book does not break new ground but would serve as an excellent and compelling introduction to the importance of justice within the Christian narrative, particularly to evangelical Christians for whom the Bible plays such a central role. Hoang and Johnson combine contemporary stories of injustice (mostly ranging from Hoang's work with International Justice Mission) with biblical exposition and overviews of Christian practices and express and sustain "the justice calling" of all Christians.

Jamie George says

Presented some thought provoking ideas. Writing style was not my favorite.

Terry Watson says

A great reminder of the need for centrality of justice and righteousness in our lives and in the lives of our churches

Jennifer says

Quite good! Loved the parts about the saints and Sabbath.

Greg Evans says

Nothing groundbreaking but a good reminder of foundational justice teaching.

Scott Whaley says

Such a great book! Highly recommend it.

Sara says

A solid discussion of why Christians pursue justice, and our theologically based motives for justice, sprinkled with examples of the "how". I appreciated the Reformed emphasis on who God is, His character, and His power to redeem.

Trix Wilkins says

Incredibly deep - plenty of thinking and research behind this exploration of how one might sustainably be involved in pursuing justice for the most vulnerable and exploited in our world. I loved the fact that there were 'readers guide' questions to reflect on for each chapter, with plenty of questions and challenges within the text itself to think about and act upon (it's a bit of an academic read, admittedly!). I would have liked to have seen more real life examples of the work of justice on the ground as well as examples of how churches outside the US have been involved thus far.

Jen says

My review may not be terribly helpful because I had a huge gap in the middle of reading this and kind of forgot the beginning third--but maybe that's enough of a review in and of itself, that this has such intense material and still was forgettable.

Trigger warning for it, too, in case you hadn't figured that out: Hoang and Johnson both work with an organization that deals with working against human trafficking and the book itself is a treatise on why Christians should get involved with the fight against human trafficking. Most trafficking, though not all, is sexual, so be prepared for the fact that scenarios will come up; nothing is graphically described, but it's not glossed over, either.

The pros of the book are the clear and coherent faith basis for their arguments, even though I'm not in theological agreement with them. Hoang and Johnson write from the perspective of white, heterosexual, married, Reformed Christians--and they're up front about that, which I appreciate. It does mean a lot of their sources come from their pastors or very specifically Reformed Scriptural commentaries; not bad, but a very different spin and perhaps not as scholastic as some might wish. The book is also laid out with the highlighted block quote things that magazines do and I will never learn to like those in books.

I wish the book itself were more about their work and the ways in which theology directly maps onto the justice for which they call; it's actually more of an evangelical tract with justice-y bits wrapped around it than anything else, which was surprising. I'm hanging onto it for a paper I have coming up, but I don't know that I'll keep it on my shelves after that.

