Justice - Discussion Starters

- Identify an injustice that troubles you. What emotion first made you aware of it? Then talk about one action you can take to bring about justice.

- Have you ever planted a tree or something that has the potential to grow for years to come? Many people plant trees in whose shade they will never sit during their lifetimes. This act can be seen as reflecting confidence and hope for the future. Who would you like to plant a tree for and offer hope to for the future?

- Do you think people your age are treated justly by adults? Explain your answer with an example and offer a suggestion about how to improve the situation.

- Do you think everyone has determination and strength to overcome disadvantages? Why?

- What might help a person to overcome the disadvantages of poverty?

- What temptations are there in our society to get caught up in having the latest things? Do think it’s hard to live a simple lifestyle in our society?

- Imagine that you had a meeting with the Prime Minister of Canada to talk about relative poverty in Canada and the need for better programs. What would you say?

- Do you think that all people are born with a yearning for justice or does it have to be taught?

- According to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., life’s most persistent question is, "What are you doing for others?" Search your soul and then write an honest answer in your journal.

- Discuss the terms “marginalized” with your class and brainstorm other words that suggest negative attitudes towards individuals or groups of people (e.g. racist, bigotry).