



EXPLORE THE BIBLE.

Session 5: Justice Sought
Suggested Week of Use: July 4, 2021
Core Passage: Job 36:8-23

News Story Summary

In early June, France fined Google 220 million euros (approx. \$268 million dollars) for abusing its power for online advertising. The French Competition Authority, which investigates unfair practices among businesses in its country, said the search engine, which also buys and sells digital ads, referred users to its own services and products, and in doing so, kept other companies from competing for users' business. The goal of the fine was to get Google to "play fair" and even the playing field. Google announced changes to its global advertising practices after the ruling.

For more about this story, search "France fines Google".

Focus Attention

To supplement the Introduce idea under Focus Attention, begin by directing the group to recall a time when they were treated unfairly. The memory can be from any point in time and doesn't have to be serious. For instance, an adult may recall receiving less ice cream at Grandma's.

After most have arrived, lead the group to define fairness as suggested. Share the story of France fining Google for its unfair business practices. Then ask: *What role does a sense of fairness play in this story?* Complete the step as written.

Summarize and Challenge

To replace the Evaluate idea under Summarize and Challenge, recall the story of France fining Google. Point out that where there is authority and influence, there is also responsibility. Explain that as Christ followers, we should seek justice in daily life. Ask: *What are some areas of life where people have authority and influence?* Record responses on a board or a large sheet of paper. Direct the group to name ways they can bring justice to areas in which they have authority and influence (treating children equally, keeping business practices above board, etc.) Challenge the group to list in their copies of the Personal Study Guide or Daily Discipleship Guide one action they will take this week to demonstrate fairness and trust in God. Complete the step as written.