

#SOCIALJUSTICE

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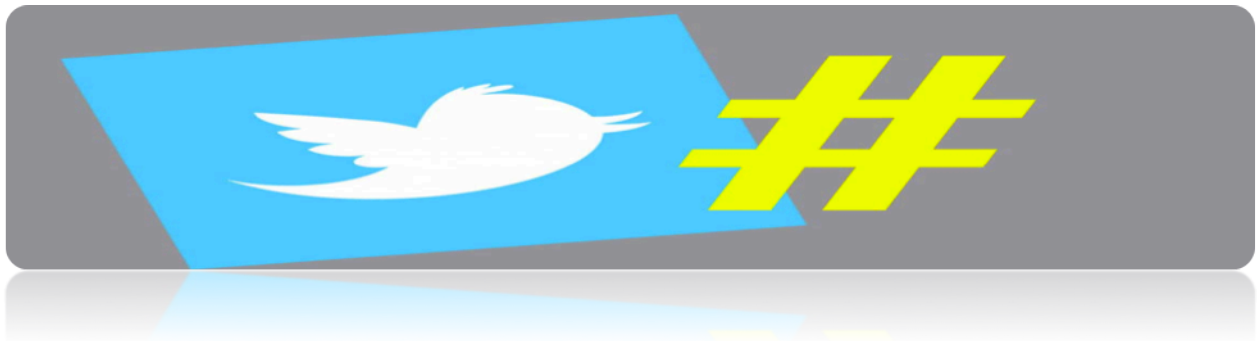
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4. GAVE SACRIFICIALLY

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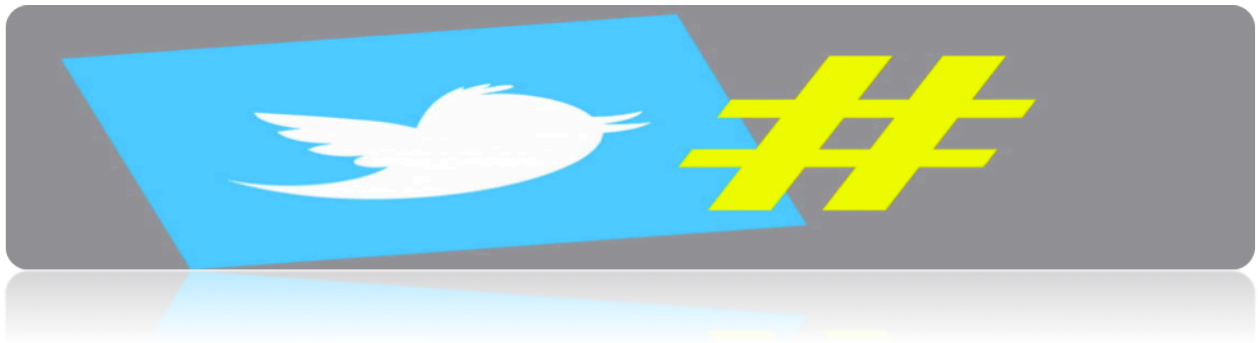
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SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

- What situation in the world do you feel needs justice?
- Why do people remain silent about it?
- Would things change if they stood up and did something? Why or why not?
- Why do people tolerate injustice?
- Why does the desire for justice reside in our spirit?
- Why doesn't God simply wipe out injustice completely?
- What does this tell you about our responsibility concerning justice?
- Read aloud Job 29:14-17.
- Who's someone you think does this today?
- Is it our responsibility to "take up the case of the stranger"? Why or why not?
- How can people be sure they're bringing about justice?
- What are some common instances of injustice that happen regularly in your school?
- Do you ever stand for justice in those instances? Explain. How can you stand for justice this week?