

On Aug. 22, Christ Presbyterian Church (CPC) hosted a discussion of a mini-series on Net-ix called "When They See Us." This is a very important show that reminds the world about a case in 1989, when five teenagers of color in New York City were arrested and convicted of a crime they didn't commit. They were eventually cleared of all charges, but not until after all of them had done time behind bars.

The mini-series did a good job of showing the issues surrounding criminal justice, from policing, the courts, and reentry to solitary confinement. We had a good discussion, with 30 people in attendance. We had prepared clips from each episode and questions related to the clips. People sat at tables in groups of six or seven, and each table had a leader to guide the discussion.

The CPC core group wanted to use the popularity of "When They See Us" to get a discussion of the laws in our criminal justice system out to a wider audience. It was a good night, and we hope to use the experience to keep us reaching out and moving forward together!