

Jesus Is Our Peace

Part of Sermon Discussion Guides

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Ephesians 2

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Discussion Questions

- Read the parable of the Good Samaritan in Luke 10:25-37. What question is Jesus asked, and what is the motive behind the question? (v 29) How does Jesus' parable turn the man's question back on him?
- What lessons can we take from the Good Samaritan parable, and how can they shape our response to the racial strife we are currently seeing across our country?
- How does the way we treat other people impact our relationship with God? (See James 2:14-17, 3:9-12; Isaiah 1:15-20; Proverbs 14:31)
- Spend time praying for racial unity in our country.

Questions for Preschool

- Q: What is sin?
A: Sin is rejecting or ignoring God in the world He created. Sin is not being or doing what He requires in His law. Talk about tangible examples of sin in your life and the lives of your children.
- Q: Who should we love?
A: We should love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. We should love our neighbor in the same way that we love ourself.
- Q: Who is your neighbor?
A: My neighbor is any other person that I meet. We are called to love our neighbor no matter what they look like, what they like

to believe, or if they are the similar or different to us. Talk to your kids about specific people in their life and how Jesus has called them to love.

Questions for Elementary

- Q: Read Ephesians 2:14. How does Jesus kill hostility between people?
A: When we trust in Jesus for our salvation, he changes our hearts. Peace comes from Him, and those who believe in Him are all a part of the same family - the family of God.
- Q: As a person called to follow Jesus, what should your response be to anyone who is treated unfairly or persecuted?
A: Jesus was unjustly murdered on the cross. We will be judged by our inaction in the face of injustice. The Gospel reminds us that Jesus died to redeem a people for God from every tribe, tongue, and nation, including us. This is good news for us because most of us did not come from the same tribe, tongue, or nation as Jesus. So, we should speak up for those who are treated unfairly because of their skin color or other any other differences. All people are created by God, in His image.
- Q: What practical things can we do when seeing others treated unfairly or persecuted?
A: Pray, sacrificially love those who are hurting, seek to understand those who are different from you, mourn with those who mourn, and promote peace.
- Talk about some ways you as a family can put these things into action. Then, pray and ask the Lord to help you follow through in the ways that He is calling you to love and care for others during this time.

Questions for Teens

- What is racism? Why is it an affront to God and the gospel?
- Who did Jesus identify with during his ministry? How does the gospel compel you to identify with the outcast and the marginalized
- The cross kills hostility between us and others. What some

tangible ways that you can live out this truth? How can you promote peace with your words? Actions?

- Consider all that is going on in our country. List some ways you can pray for our country. Consider taking time to pray with your family.