

PEACEMAKERS

Week 6: *Hot Seat Sunday*

1. One of the stages of grief is anger. How does that fit in with our discussion about anger in the Bible?

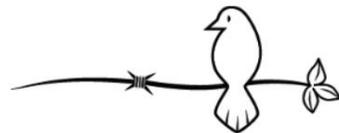
2. If it is wrong to judge others, is it also wrong to judge ourselves?

1 Corinthians 11:31

3. If it is wrong to judge others, how should we approach church discipline and accountability?

1 Corinthians 5

4. Isn't being a pacifist in Canada a privileged position that let's others fight for us so we can reap the benefits? (i.e., Should Anabaptists ever call the police for help?)



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5. In light of Jesus' teaching on nonviolence, is it alright for Christian parents to spank their children?

**Proverbs 22:15; 23:14-15; 29:15; 10:13; 19: 25; 19:29; 20:30; 26:3
Deuteronomy 25:3; Matthew 18:5-6; 19:14; Ephesians 6:4**

SUMMARY:

- The Bible says discipline is good for children.
- The Bible describes the form of discipline that was common in that day.
- We can support the Bible's call for discipline without supporting the ancient cultural practice of beating/flogging/whipping.
- What is called "spanking" today is nothing like biblical corporal punishment, so spanking parents are already not "following the Bible".

6. What should be the role of the Church in building peace with First Nations people?

7. But if we follow the Bible, shouldn't we leave room for an appropriate use of violence?

Isaiah 61:1-2; Luke 4:18-21

8. How should we respond when people criticize us?

- Listen. (Take the log out of your eye.)
- Go to them. (Help them with their splinter.)
- Follow Jesus and move forward with your mission in life.

9. How can churches be peacemakers with other churches when our theologies are different?

10. Can you share specific examples of non-violent intervention?

Romans 5:10

For more information...

- cpt.org
- Ron Sider, Nonviolent Action

NEXT WEEK: < = > ... **Less Is More!**

In light of our upcoming "Repurpose" campaign, this will be a practical two week series on simplicity and making room in our lives for what is most important.

Home Church Questions

HANGOUT [Warming Up to the Topic – in one Large Group]

1. Review Sunday's message and talk about what stood out to you. What question was most helpful to have answered? What questions are you still left asking?

HEAR [Listening to God through Scripture – in Discussion Groups]

2. Read the following passage: **Luke 4:14-30**.
 - a. What verse or idea stands out to you? Why?
 - b. Take note of the target audience for Jesus' ministry. How are you participating in this ministry of Jesus today? Through the church? Individually? Other ways?
 - c. Recall that Jesus edits his reading of **Isaiah 61:1-2**. What are the implications of this for the ministry of Jesus? How can we reflect that in how we present, promote, and advance the gospel?
 - d. What did Jesus say that made the crowd go from "speaking well of him" (v. 22) to "filled with rage" (v. 28)? (HINT: Jesus was too *inclusive!*)
 - e. In light of "d" above, what is one thing you could commit to doing this week that would further the inclusive ministry of Jesus today?

HUDDLE [Making It Personal and Praying Together – in Huddles]

3. Use your regular huddle questions to talk about your lives and to prepare you to pray for each other.

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Quotes

Today's Message –
Part 6: CONCLUSION – Hot Seat Sunday

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred let me sow love;
and where there is injury, pardon.
~ Francis of Assisi

Disciples of Christ, note well, have no weapons except patience, hope, silence,
and God's Word.
~ Menno Simons

The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners
and recovery of sight for the blind,
to set the oppressed free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.
~ The Prophet Isaiah

... Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.
~ Jesus

Blessed are the peacemakers.
~ Jesus

Do you remember that time Homer thought he might have eaten poison fish?...