

PEACE MAKERS

RESTORING + RECONCILING

Part 2: *No More Shame*

(With special guest, Osheta Moore)

DINE IN: Jesus and Shared Grieving

John 11:17-35

APPETIZER: Moving from Shame to Shared Grief

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ. For He Himself is our peace, who has made the two one and has torn down the dividing wall of hostility.
(Ephesians 2:13-14)

Shalom is a “persistent vision of joy, well-being, harmony, and prosperity, with many dimensions and subtle nuances: love, loyalty, grace, salvation, justice, blessing, righteousness.”
[Shalom is] the freight of a dream of God that resists all our tendencies to division, hostility, fear, drivenness, and misery.”
(Walter Bruggemann)

Mourn with those who mourn.
(Romans 12:15)

TAKE OUT: Shalom Steps

1. Resist shame
2. Show up
3. Share in suffering

NEXT WEEK:

Peacemakers continues with our MCC Exchange Team!

Home Church Questions

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

1. After reviewing Sunday's message, talk about what most interested, excited, or perplexed you. Take your time with this. There's lots to talk about.

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

2. Read **John 11:11-37**.
 - a. What verse or idea stands out to you?
 - b. What is Mary's response to hearing that Jesus wants to see her? If you knew that this is how Jesus feels about you, what would you "quickly" do to be close to him? Is there anything in your life that prevents you from going to Jesus quickly and often?
 - c. Both Martha and Mary greet Jesus with the same statement (v21 & v32). But Jesus responds differently to each. To Martha, Jesus responds with true theology. To Mary, true emotion. Which are you better at contributing to discussions about racial harmony? What might you do to grow stronger in your area of weakness?

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

3. Review verse 35. Is there anyone in your life who would benefit from your empathy? What could you do this week to enter into their suffering? Pray for each other about this.

Quotes

Welcome back to our second week in our 2018 Peacemakers series. Today we are privileged to hear from our special guest speaker, Osheta Moore.

We represent Jesus well when we draw near to other believers, regardless of differences. This is how we invite them to join us in following Jesus' heart.
- Christena Cleveland

Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly.
- Martin Luther King Jr.

Together we must all consider ourselves to be a minority, trying to obey the voice of God, trying to serve God as authentic liberators of this sick racist society...both black and white, we really need each other to become the kind of Christian community with the kind of identity and maturity that Jesus Christ wants us to have.
- Hubert L. Brown

My beloved brothers and sisters, understand this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to anger.
- James the brother of Jesus

Shalom is the breadth, depth, climate, and smell of the kingdom of God. It's a counter-story, with nothing missing and nothing lost for everyone who reads it. We become peacemakers, when we, through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, catch glimpses of shalom, and pull our friends to stand in our line of vision so that they too can see the beauty of the kingdom.
- Osheta Moore, Shalom Sistas

Shalom is what happens when the love of God meets our most tender places. Therefore, we can all be peacemakers, because we can all seek and access the love of God to heal our broken places.
- Osheta Moore, Shalom Sistas

Jesus wept.
- Gospel of John