

What Would Jesus Say. . .about violence and injustice?

Message Summary

We live in world filled with violence and injustice, but there is a lot we can learn by listening to the words of Jesus and studying how he responded to the violence and injustice of His time.

Engaging the Word

What are some things that stood out to you in the sermon? Things you specifically related to? Things you didn't understand? Any new insight you are taking away?

Read Matthew 5:38-42

1. What is the context of Jesus' teaching in these verses (Read all of chapter 5 to get the full context)?
2. How would you summarize what Jesus teaches in verses 38-42?
3. What type of injustice is the focus of Jesus' teaching?
4. How is the response in these verses different from the way we might typically respond when we are wronged?

Read Romans 12:17-21

1. What do these verses say about responding to injustice?
2. What actions does Paul suggest we take in response to injustice?

Engaging the Heart

Dave suggested a three-part response to injustice and violence - we weep, we get angry, and then we respond.

1. How do you respond when you see, read, or hear of injustice?
2. What about the three-part response resonates with you?
3. Do you have personal experience with violence or injustice? If you are comfortable share about how you responded in that situation

Engaging our World

Spend some time as a group discussing some examples of injustice in the world today - both locally and globally. What are some specific ways you can respond to it?

Close your time in prayer, focusing on those areas of injustice and violence that you discussed.