

Hope is Open | Week 07

Unacceptable Truths | November 12th and 15th

Anchor Verse: Blessed are the Peacemakers for they will be called Children of God. -Jesus (Matthew 5:9)

WHAT'S THE ISSUE ANYWAY?

Why is a better version of the world so hard to _____?

We have learned to accept as truth what should be _____.

Few intentionally use their time, talents and treasure to _____ and _____.

WHAT WISDOM DOES SCRIPTURE OFFER US?

How did _____ respond to the unacceptable statistics of his day?

Jesus spoke _____ to abusive power and systems. (Matthew 23:5, Mark 11:15-18)

Jesus treated the oppressed of his culture with _____ and _____. (Matthew 8:3)

Jesus _____ anti-racism, anti-nationalism, anti-sexism and anti-religious elitism. (John 4 and Luke 10)

The Holy Spirit _____ us to change the unacceptable statistics of our day. (John 14:11-12, Acts 1:8)

Jesus _____ us to equip others _____ to change their unacceptable statistics. (Matthew 28:16-20)

THE POINT:

God has called and _____ every generation of the church to a _____ peacemaking mission that changes unacceptable statistics.

HOW WILL WE AS CROSSROADS CHURCH LIVE THIS OUT?

We must choose _____ to inspire, equip and encourage peacemaking in the next 10 years.

Crossroads Church believes the following are unacceptable and inconsistent with the peacemaking path of Jesus:

_____ Emptiness

_____ : Racism, Homophobia and

Sexism

Modern Day _____

Crossroads Church will inspire, equip and encourage _____.

We must choose _____ to inspire, equip and encourage peacemaking over the next 10 years.

Global and Local Partner _____
Ministries and _____ of Crossroads
Church

Crossroads' affiliated Non-Profit

HOW DOES THIS CREATE SOMETHING BETTER FOR MYSELF AND OUR WORLD?

1. Our church will be _____ to oppressed communities and individuals around the world.
2. We will encounter and be _____ by Jesus.

WHAT IS GOD INVITING ME INTO TODAY?

1. Begin praying and talking with your family about your contribution to the 2021 Peace is Worth It! ministry emphasis.
2. Send me the link for the Racial Lament and Hope experience.
3. I will make attending next week's Vision Week a priority.

THOUGHT PROVOKING QUESTIONS:

1. How do you typically respond when you encounter something that is unacceptable to you? Sadness, Anger, Denial?
2. What do you think Jesus found unacceptable about his culture?
3. What power and system would Jesus speak truth to in our culture?
4. Which of the Five Unacceptables do you find yourself drawn to?
5. Why would we encounter Jesus and be transformed when we engage in serving the oppressed and excluded in our world?

REVIEW

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Week 01: Hope is hidden when peace is broken.

Week 02: Selfishness and arrogance break peace and hide hope.

Week 03: Jesus' death and resurrection open the universal path to peace: Trusting in the mystery of God's love that saves both the oppressed and the oppressor from the power of sin.

Week 04: Disciples learn to do justice, love mercy and walk humbly by following the path of the Sermon on the Mount.

Week 05: The 16 works of an everyday, normal peacemaker can save us from the inevitable nose-dive of Western Christianity.

Week 06: God graciously uses the scattered and gathered church in tandem to bring peace on earth.