

Growth Group Discussion Guide

Week of October 28

Hey Jude!

Our Scripture: Mark 10:46-52

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

- 1) What meal do you most remember from your childhood?
- 2) Read Wendell Berry's poem, "The Peace of Wild Things" out loud as a group.

After listening to "The Peace of Wild Things," share where you find peace, where you feel free.

The Peace of Wild Things

When despair for the world grows in me
and I wake in the night at the least sound
in fear of what my life and my children's lives may be,
I go and lie down where the wood drake
rests in his beauty on the water, and the great heron feeds.
I come into the peace of wild things
who do not tax their lives with forethought
of grief. I come into the presence of still water.
And I feel above me the day-blind stars
waiting with their light. For a time
I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Read this week's preaching text, Mark 10:46-52. Listen for a specific word, phrase or image that speaks to our focus today. Share that word, phrase and image with your group. Why did you pick the word/phrase/image that you did?
2. Read Philippians 2:5-11. What is the 'mind of Christ'? What does it say about how Christ relates to the desperate situations in world? What does this have to do with us today?

MEDIA MIX - "Icing on the Cake"

Watch this video StoryCorps titled "Icing on the Cake"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jZK7rayEptw>

How might this story relate to this week's preaching text? This week's sermon? How did this story strike you?

TAKING IT HOME

1. How might what we've been exploring in this meeting relate to our series on being One Great People of God, especially in the divided world in which we live today?
2. This is our last week in our current series, "One Great People of God." Do you have any takeaways from this series? Anything that has inspired you? Challenged you? Changed the way you think?

PRAYER REQUESTS and PRAYER TIME

As a group, pray this prayer attributed to St. Francis of Assisi:

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where

there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

Housekeeping

6 weeks is a short series, ending with the 11/11 sermon (before Thanksgiving week). What serve event could your group do together in late November or early December?