

Series: People Problems

Sermon: When They Don't Want Peace

Bible Verses: Matthew 5:38-48

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How should we respond when people around us *don't* _____?

Jesus' kingdom is not _____. In other words, followers of Jesus shouldn't expect to have the same values and behaviors _____. (John 18:36)

The greatest Christians recognized that this world was not their _____. We are "foreigners and strangers" here, and we are waiting for "a better country - _____." (Hebrews 11:13-16)

Jesus commands that if someone _____, we should offer the other one.

Our denomination's CORE VALUE #8: Pursuing Peace - "We value all human life and promote _____, understanding, reconciliation and _____ resolution of conflict."

Jesus suggests that we lay down our _____ for the benefit of others, even others who _____.

Jesus said that fighting would probably be _____ if his Kingdom was of this world, but _____.

Jesus' way of peace is confusing, for many people. The world teaches that " _____ " is the only rational way (or that the best way to stop violence is with _____).

The 3rd option, the way of Jesus' Kingdom, is to _____!

We should live our lives with a _____. If we always love others, we cannot retaliate but instead do good.

If I only _____ people who _____, I'm doing the same thing the rest of the world does. I am called to more than that!

Take it home: When people around me don't want peace, I will _____ to _____, even if it costs me my life.

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Growth Group prep

- How would you rephrase up the sentence, "This world is not my home" to capture it's meaning?
- Imagine someone kicked in the door to your home, and had a gun. They said, "Give me some money!" Other than retaliating with violence what are two options you have? Remember, the goal isn't just to stay safe, it's to love this person (we even love our enemies).
- Why does the world think this is such a ridiculous idea?