



WALKING WITH GOD WHEN THE WORLD IS SHAKING

BIG IDEA

When your head is spinning with voices, emotions and opinions, listen to what God says.

SCRIPTURE

Read Exodus 2:11-3:21 before the group meets.

In the group meeting, read aloud 1 Corinthians 12:25-26.

OPENER

What is most frustrating you in your life or the world right now?

QUESTIONS

1. In what ways do you unknowingly (or knowingly) prejudge people? Discuss real ways we can avoid pre-judging.
2. Of the two common responses to frustration, anger or apathy, which emotion do you go to the most? Give some examples.
3. Share a time when you have felt God helped you advance from anger or apathy to positive action.
4. Rights and wrongs in our culture and rights and wrongs in God's Word can vary drastically. Try to think of a right or wrong for you that doesn't agree with God's Word. If you are willing, share and discuss with your group. How can your group pray for you in this situation?
5. During the sermon, Harvey Cline (Elder) referred to James 1:19-20. Read this passage and summarize it in your own words. Discuss how these verses challenge you.
6. Within the body of Christ there should be no division and we should be known for our love. With the current situation in our country over racial injustice, how do we support members of the body who are Police Officers and members who are **African-American**? How do we weep with those who are struggling, support those in need, listen to those who have a different story than us, defend those who are powerless, etc.? How do we show love as found in John 13:34-35 (see also 1 Corinthians 12:25-26; 13:4-7)?



TAKEAWAY

- ✓ God is the source of justice and order. He is the Creator of every race, for which He died on the cross.
- ✓ God's Word provides stability in a spinning world. Tell God you want to listen and obey.
- ✓ Our definitions of right and wrong should come from the Word of God.
- ✓ Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are Christ's disciples.
- ✓ Loving our neighbors and longing for social stability and order are both the heart of God, the mission of Jesus, and therefore our heart as His people, called by His name.
- ✓ People who changed the world took their emotion to God and said "I'll be your agent of change"

REFERENCES

Numbers 14:18

Isaiah 55:8-9

John 13:34-35

Hebrews 11

James 1:19-21

DIGGING DEEPER

- In Micah 6:6-8 we learn about how we should act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with God. Which is most difficult for you? How have you acted justly? How have you shown mercy? In what ways have you walked in humility?
- Read Numbers 14:18. The effects of sin can occur within a family and the sin of one can result in consequences affecting the entire family (especially the impressionable young). How might this look in a family where racism is the sin?

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