

Central Hall Coventry: Lent 2020

Session 5.

What about injustice and violence?

Read: Mt 5:38-42

Q. When have we experienced violence?

Q. Who do we go to or where do we go when we need some peace?

Read: Story of Oscar Romero (**appendix page 2**)

Response: Have a conversation about peace and violence in the world today.

Quote:

Many think of Rosa Parks as a demur, pleasant-enough seamstress who backed into history by being too tired to get out of her seat on a bus one day. In reality she had been trained in nonviolence at Highlander Folk School. Peace is a skill that can be learned. We know war can be learned, but we seem to think that one becomes a peacemaker by a mere change of heart." *Anon*

In twos or as a whole group respond to the questions

- Do you agree with the quote?
- Why does Jesus say "turn the other cheek" and "pray for those who persecute you"?
- How is it possible to reveal the truth to those who are violent and oppressive?

What are we feeling about we have said so far?

Action: What more can I do about violence and injustice?

Interfaith prayer for Peace

Lead me from death to life,
from falsehood to truth.

Lead me from despair to hope,
from fear to trust.

Lead me from hate to love,
from war to peace.

Let peace fill our heart, our world, our universe.

Sing song(s) about peace

Homework

Reflect on the icon of Jesus and friend (**appendix Page 3**)

<https://fuelforpilgrims.files.wordpress.com/2015/08/christ-and-saint-mena.jpg>