

Hashing It Out I
VHS #2930

WHEN IS IT OKAY TO LIE?

Before the video:

1. When, in your opinion, is it okay to lie?
2. Look up the scripture that will be mentioned on the video.

Leviticus 19:11-18

Genesis 22:3-13

After the video:

1. Both men raised the issue about Nazi Germany. Would you lie to protect someone?
2. What do you think of Steve's statement that sometimes it might be better to lie but we need to remember the norm and repent?
3. Tony Campolo brought up the story of Abraham and his son. Abraham may have avoided telling the truth as he understood it, understanding that the truth can sometimes change. When is this possible?
4. What's love got to do with truth?

DOES RELIGION HAVE ANYTHING TO SAY TO TEENAGERS TODAY?

1. Look up the scripture references that are mentioned on the video.

Mark 10:17-27

Matthew 5:2-16

2. Tony raises the question about making the church a place of entertainment. What is the danger of this?
3. Tony goes on to say that the church needs to challenge kids to be heroic...to serve others. How do adults in this church model this?

4. What more could Trinity be doing to show that we are practicing a theology that has teeth? (Instead of just “mirroring the socialization process of the dominant values of the culture we live in.”)
5. How do we become revolutionaries for the ministry of Jesus Christ?

IS THE DEVIL REAL?

Before the video:

1. What do you think? Is the devil a horned being in a red suit, an evil force, an allegory or non-existent?
2. Look up some scripture:

Matthew 4:1-11

John 13:1-5

Acts 13:9-12

After the video:

1. Steve and Tony believe that there is a force out there that is real and evil. They feel that evil is organized...there seems to be a plan or structure to it. What evil forces do you see in the world today?
2. How do you feel about the statement, “To blame everything bad in the world on God is to say God is the author of evil.”?
3. Comment on the following quotes:

CS Lewis – The two great dangers about the devil are – we can make him too powerful and we can say that he doesn’t exist.

M. Scott Peck – He became aware of the spiritual world when he came in contact with demonically possessed people...and they were always religious.

Tony – The difference between Godly people and ungodly people is that Godly people always look for the evil in their own lives...ungodly people look for the evil in others.

IS MODERN ADVERTISING CORRUPTING US?

1. Look up the scripture references that are mentioned on the video.

Isaiah 55:1-2

Ephesians 6:10-12

2. What types of advertising do you feel are evil?
3. Steve says that advertising is necessary to promote a product that workers make so that workers can make a living wage. Tony says that advertising manipulates kids in to a sexual mindset to sell a product. Is that demonic?
4. What kind of advertising is dangerous?
5. How can we be responsible consumers?

SHOULD CHURCHES PRESSURE CORPORATIONS TO BE MORE RACIALLY RESPONSIVE?

After the video:

1. Look up some scripture:

Amos 2:6

Amos 4:1-3

Matthew 25:37-46

2. Should social issues be separated from religious issues?
3. Do we call on church people to review their investments and to reinvest in morally responsible companies?
4. Comment on the statement: You can tell about the heart and mind of people by looking in their check book.

SHOULD WE GIVE MONEY TO PANHANDLERS?

After the video:

1. Look up scripture:

Deut. 24:14-15

Deut. 24:17-22

Matthew 5:40-42

Matthew 6:1-4

Matthew 7:12

2. Have you ever given to a pan handler? How did it make you feel?
3. The church gets called all the time by people needing money for one reason or another. How would you handle a phone call with some one who is in need?
4. How would you handle it when the person in need walks into the office?

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

Before the video starts:

1. What do you think about Capital Punishment?
2. Look up the scripture references that will be mentioned on the video.

Exodus 21:22-25

Luke 6:27-31

3. What do these scripture references actually say?

After the video:

1. What do you think of Tony's statement that the purpose of punishment should be restoration....not retribution?
2. Who about Steve's insistence that justice must be done?
3. Are there kinds of justice in the U.S. today...one for the rich and one for the poor?

IS GOD A WOMAN?

Before the video:

1. Do you think that there is a feminine side to God?
2. Look up some scripture references mentioned in the video

Matthew 23:37

Proverbs 3:13-18

After the video:

1. What do you think of the statement “our ideas of femininity and masculinity are formed by our cultural background”?
2. How does our culture put limits on men and women?
3. What do you think about the idea that the image of the maleness of God has been used by the church to put women down?
4. How does the church emasculate men?
5. Comment on the statement: “To be truly human is neither male nor female. We are to use the best traits of both.”

SHOULD A CHRISTIAN HUNT?

1. Look up some scripture:

Genesis 1:24-30

Psalm 148:1-14

2. Does God feel the suffering of animals?
3. How do you feel about hunting animals for food? For sport?
4. Is it permissible to sacrifice lower forms of life to support higher forms of life?

WOULD JESUS JOIN THE ENVIRONMENTAL MOVEMENT?

1. Look up some scripture:

Genesis 6:18-22

Genesis 9:8-11

2. How can we be responsible about God's creation?
3. What are you doing personally? What are you teaching your children about the environment?
4. What did you think of John Wesley and C.S. Lewis' statements about heaven and animals?

SHOULD MOTHERS STAY AT HOME...?

Before the video:

1. What is your opinion of working mothers?
2. Look up the scripture references that will be mentioned on the video.

Proverbs 31:10-31

Luke 2:41-46

Philippians 2:1-11

3. What do these scripture references actually say?

After the video:

1. Do you agree with Steve Brown's statement that our society makes mothers feel like 2nd class citizens in today's world?
2. What kinds of pressures are on the American family?
3. Tony and Steve agree that men are denied some things precious when they are denied caring for their children. Do the males at your table have an opinion about the male role in child rearing?
4. Has our cultural idea about macho men helped erase the idea that parenting is a BI-parental responsibility?

SHOULD THERE BE MULTI-CULTURAL EDUCATION?

1. Tony feels that ethnic groups need some identity and should preserve their language. What do you think?
2. Steve is afraid of becoming fractionalized as a country (like the Balkans). He believes that a common language is important. Do you feel that the public school system does a good job with educating about other cultures as well as our own?
3. What is the difference between cultural practices and cultural principles or values?