

CONVERSATION STARTERS

SOUTHRIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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EAT TOGETHER | *Showing up regularly to share life and build relationships*

1. What has your experience going through Lent as a church been like?
2. Do you have a favourite song about "peace"?

PRAY TOGETHER | *Joining in on conversations of life and faith*

1. What stood out to you in this week's service? Was there a song that spoke to you? Was there a moment when you sensed the presence of God? Did you meet someone new? Did you learn something from the message? Feel free to watch the message [recap](#) to review the big ideas of the message
2. Have you ever wrestled with the violent stories or commands in the Bible? How have you processed these parts of the Bible?
3. Read Leviticus 24:17-20. Have you heard these instructions before? What do you think of them? How has this way of thinking played itself in our world? How has it played out in your personal relationships and conflicts?
4. Read Isaiah 2:4. What feelings does this dream and prophecy bring to the surface for you? If you've heard this passage before, how have you understood it? Does this feel relevant to our lives today?
5. Read Matthew 5:38-40 & 43-45. What do you think of Jesus's teaching? What do you find inspiring about Jesus reframing our "eye for an eye" mentality? What do you find challenging? Does anyone have a story of when they or someone they know tried to respond in a "turn the other cheek" way?
6. Read Romans 5:10. As we heard in the message, "The cross of Jesus makes it clear that God would rather die for his enemies than kill them." Is this how you've understood God? What's similar? What's different? How does Jesus's sacrificial death on the cross reveal the true heart of God?

LOVE TOGETHER | *Being real to care and make a difference*

1. *Pray for peace globally.* What wars, conflicts, and issues can we pray for? What might it take for God to bring peace in these situations? What people or leaders can we specifically ask Jesus to bring peace to?
2. *Practice peace personally.* (Read Matthew 5:23-24) Who are you currently at odds with that you can take a step of peacemaking with? How might you need to "turn the other cheek" or let go of your right for revenge, or holding a grudge, or getting them back in some way in order to make peace together?