

Care Reflection & Study Notes

3.2 Big Barriers

Purpose

To share the bad news that has often been associated with Christianity. To show that a remedy is presented in God's Word.

Scriptures

[Deuteronomy 6:5](#), [Matthew 5-7](#), [1 John 3:11-14](#) – Genuine love must be demonstrated

[1 John 3:18](#) – What we say and do matters

[Romans 11:18-21](#) – A sober picture of the attitude we should have as believers

[Deuteronomy 14:2](#) – Let us see the Jewish people as God does

Bible Study Reflection Questions

- 1) What is your initial reaction to the quotes of the Christians shown in this video? What impression does this leave you with?
- 2) Why is it important to not simply dismiss these comments by saying “well, I’m sure they didn’t mean it” or “they were probably men of their day” or “they probably weren’t real Christians anyway” etc? How would this make a Jewish person feel if this is the response?
- 3) Why are these comments surprising, especially in the light of [Matthew 12:36](#)?
- 4) If the Gospel is all about love ([John 3:16](#)), then how does this make the treatment of Jewish people by Christians even more tragic?
- 5) What are some of the ways in your life that you can model the redemptive love of the Lord to Jewish people who may associate Christians as ‘the persecutors who come to kill us or to forcefully convert us?’ ([1 John 3:18](#)).
- 6) In what ways can you stand with Jewish people in the important remembrance events in the Jewish year such as Holocaust Memorial Day? What impact do you think that doing this would have?
- 7) Read [Romans 11:18-21](#). How is this the remedy to Christian antisemitism?

Theology Touchpoints

Antisemitism in Church History. See the series [here](#)

Antisemitism and the Church Fathers [here](#)

Luther and Antisemitism; A Lecture [here](#)

Prayer points

Thank God that the Jewish Scriptures ([Exodus 34:6-8](#)) speak of the forgiveness of God. Even when there has been a bad witness or when God's Word is maligned, the Gospel will continue to be shared with Jewish people ([Romans 1:16](#)).

Pray that the hearts of Jewish people will be softened to His Good News, which (as the Kingdom set of videos outlines) is a thoroughly Jewish message.

Intercede for God's will to be done. Let us be those who remove these big barriers by loving in sincerity and truth. In such a way, let us cause the Jewish people to desire their Messiah, Jesus, who is our Messiah too. ([Romans 11:13-14](#)).

Owning our past can help pave the way for future positive engagements. Honesty and genuine love is a great healer. The Gospel comes from the heart of God – God's love extending to all the people of the world. And therefore, it is also for the Jewish people.

Your Notes:

We recommend that you view the Care section of videos first and then watch all of the videos before you engage Jewish people with the Gospel.

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