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A CONVERSATION KIT ON

VIOLENCE

Conversation Guide

Violence, ep. 1

Episode 1 summary

- We live in a violent world, and our world has been shaped by violence in many ways, from Cain and Abel to modern times.
- We often associate violence with justice, but when violence happens to the innocent, we call it unjust.
- And this sense of justice haunts humanity. It makes us want to see those who hurt others suffer for that injustice, even if it means returning violence for violence.

1. A Violent World
2. A Violent Culture
3. A Violent Faith?

Discussion questions

01 Have you ever wanted to get back at someone, whether in a violent or non-violent way? Did you go through with it? What ended up happening?

02 Here's a couple of intense questions: How would you define justice? What do you think true justice looks like?

03 Does it make you feel better that many of the people who wrote the Bible wrestled with the injustice and the violence in the world around them? What do you think it looks like to create a more peaceful world?

Diving deeper

Read Genesis 4:1-16. Here we get the full context for Cain and Abel's violent interactions. We see God immediately curse Cain for his actions, but God also promises to protect him from those who take revenge on him. Why do you think God would do this? And how does this episode in Genesis 4 point to the coming of Jesus? Spend some time praying through and processing these questions.