

Discussion Questions and Comments for The Way of Blood

- What parts of this story surprised you? What parts of it did you see coming?
- The Way of Blood was based on Jesus' parable of The Good Samaritan found in Luke 10:25-37. How is the story you just heard different or the same from the parable from the Bible?
- Several of the names of the people and towns in this Western story were based on the characters and places in Jesus' parable. Sheriff Levi was named after the Levite who passed by the man in need. How many other names can you figure out their hidden meanings?
- Why is it wrong to judge someone based on their appearance or where they're from?

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- Has there been someone who's done you wrong? Have you forgiven them?
 - Why or why not?
 - Read Ephesians 4:32, Matthew 6:14-15, and Luke 6:27 for some helpful verses on this subject.
- The Comanche in The Way of Blood and The Samaritan in Jesus' parable were the only ones who showed mercy. Why do you think they did the right thing when those who were considered better people didn't?
- Where in the Bible are the verses the mourner at the graveside was quoting?
 - Here's a hint: check out the book of Psalms.

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Although Reverend Ferris turned out to be a not-so-great pastor, he was correct when he told Jake that alcohol would lead to destruction. Proverbs 20:1, Ephesians 5:18, Isaiah 28:7, Proverbs 23:29-35 have good things to remember when it comes to drinking.

Maisy said that she would only consider “a church-goin’ man” as a potential husband. Later, we see her getting close to Jake after he started going to church. What Maisy really should have been wanting is a man who was a Christian. Although attending church services is good, it can’t truly change a person. There’s an old saying that goes “Going to church doesn’t make you a Christian any more than going to a garage makes you an automobile.” It’s only when you believe on Jesus, confess and repent of your sins that you become a Christian, not just a church goer.

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In the story, Montana made this statement: “You take from me and I take from you.” This is very similar to what Laurie said later “an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth.” Many people take this as meaning “If someone hurts me, I have every right to hurt them back!” The truth is, we don’t have that right. God is the only true arbitrator of justice (see Romans 12:19). Human nature often does things selfishly rather than wanting justice to be done. The way that Jesus taught is not to return evil with evil but to overcome evil with good (see Romans 12:20-21).

“If there was no mercy I’d be dead right now.” This could easily be said of all Christians. If God had not had mercy on us and sent His Son Jesus to die on a cross, we all would be without hope. (1 Corinthians 15:12-23) We would still be dead in our sins. (Colossians 2:13-14). If someone rejects God’s mercy and way of salvation, then the only future they can expect is eternal death in Hell. Praise the Lord that Heaven is within reach of all those who fall on His mercy!

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People in Salem were concerned about how clean and dignified people were on the outside. This was like how many of the religious leaders in Jesus' day were as well; however, they were hypocrites. God told His people in Leviticus 19:18, 33, & 34 to love their neighbor. The priest and Levite in the parable did not follow God's Law. The Samaritans were despised by the Jews and vice versa. The priest and Levite didn't even stop and help their fellow Jew. Jesus talks a lot about hypocrisy in Matthew chapter 23. He had some harsh words for those who were pretending to be righteous but not actually living righteously. People may look and act decent outwardly but it's the heart that's important. Check out Titus 1:16, 1 John 4:20, Matthew 6:1, and 1 John 2:4 for more insight on this.