



Weekend Resources

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Week 4 - Culture Wars

Use these questions and resources during your study time or with your group.

RECAP: Not everything that looks spiritual reflects Jesus. Sometimes the most faithful thing you can say is: "That ain't it." And then follow Him into something better.

MAIN POINTS

- Name Your Sword
- See the Person
- Check Your Spirit
- Repair the Wound

GETTING STARTED

- What's a hill you're willing to die on—even though it really doesn't matter?

SCRIPTURE

- [Luke 22:47-53, Matthew 26:52](#)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- **What stands out to you about the way Jesus responds to Peter and the wounded man in this story?** Why do you think Jesus responds that way?
- The message says, "Peter saw an enemy, but Jesus saw a person." **Why can it be so easy to see people as labels or opposing sides instead of as people with names, stories, and lives?**
- What do you think it looks like to stand up for what you believe is right while still treating the other person in a way that looks like Jesus?

APPLICATION

- **Name Your Sword:** When you feel threatened, misunderstood, or opposed, what do you tend to reach for—anger, sarcasm, withdrawal, defensiveness, silence, or something else?
- **See the Person:** Who is someone you tend to see more as a label or opposing viewpoint than as a person? What would it look like to see their story and humanity instead?
- **Check Your Spirit:** Before you speak, post, or respond, how could you pause and ask, "Does this sound like Jesus?" What might change if you did?
- **Repair the Wound:** Is there a relationship where your words, actions, or tone may have caused hurt? What might taking one step toward repair look like?

RESOURCES

- **Closing Prayer:** Jesus, help us be people who bring more peace than division. Give us humility to listen, courage to love people we disagree with, and wisdom to know when to speak and when to let go. Keep our hearts focused on you, not on winning an argument. Help us live in a way that shows people what your love looks like. Amen.