

Hip Hope Discussion Topics

This section is an opportunity for the youth and young adults to share their views and an opportunity for them to be challenged by Biblical worldview. This section is only **50-minutes**

Lesson 2:-HATE

HATE- "*Can't we all just get along*"

a. Introduction-

Quotes about Hate -*please read some of these quotes as an ice breaker or to support one of your points*

"Hate is too great a burden to bear. It injures the hater more than it injures the hated." - **Coretta Scott King**

"You cannot hate other people without hating your self" - **Oprah Winfrey**
(American television personality, Actress and Producer, b.1954)

"It is easy to hate and it is difficult to love. This is how the whole scheme of things works. All good things are difficult to achieve; and bad things are very easy to get."
- **Rene Descartes** (French Mathematician, Philosopher and Scientist, 1596-1650)

"Hatred paralyzes life; love releases it. Hatred confuses life; love harmonizes it. Hatred darkens life; love illuminates it." - **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.** (American Baptist Minister and Civil-Rights Leader. 1929-1968)

"When love is suppressed hate takes its place" - **Havelock Ellis** (British psychologist and author 1859-1939)

"Hate is a cancer that spreads one cell at a time".
-**Dave Pelzer, Author**

Questions (*make sure you ask the highlighted questions*)

-**Has anyone ever cheated, betrayed or lied to you? What did you do?**

- **What is the difference between disliking and hating a person?**

- Do you find it easy to hate others? Why?

-**Is it ever okay to hate people because of their: race, neighborhood (hood), class, etc.**

-Do you hate your parents or teachers? Why?

-Is it ever okay to take revenge? Can you think of a scenario where you took revenge?

-Is it a sign of weakness to forgive those who have wronged you or your family ?

-What do you think God says about HATE & FORGIVENESS?

-Who is the greatest example of FORGIVENESS in history?

b. Moment of Truth: What does God say about HATE & FORGIVENESS?

Proverbs 20:22 ~Don't Seek Revenge

Do not say, "I'll pay you back for this wrong!"

Wait for the LORD, and he will avenge you.- **Proverbs 20:22 NIV**

Answer:

God expects us not to get revenge when others wrong us. He is all powerful and he can avenge from all wrongs against. If someone wrongs you, leave it up to God to defend you. It is not a sign of weakness to turn the other cheek but a sign of strength. You shouldn't store hatred in your hearts and seek revenge, let God pay the person back. Holding hate in your heart only hurts you. (***Stand for your rights but don't take the law into your hands, let God defend you***)

1 John 4:20 & 1 John 2:9-10 ~Love your Brother, Love God

If a man says, I love God, and hates his brother, he is a liar: for he that loves not his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen?

- **1 John 4:20 NKJV**

He that says he is in the light, and hates his brother, is in darkness even until now. He that loves his brother abides in the light, and there is no occasion of stumbling in him.-**1 John 2:9-10 NKJV**

Answer:

These two scriptures essentially reveal that, we prove our love for God by how we love our fellow human-beings. You can't hate your fellow-human and love God. You can't say you love God and hate People. Also you can't hate God and really love people because humans are created in God's image.

1 John 3:15 ~ Hate equals Murder

Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.-**1 John 3:15 KJV**

Answer:

It is important to understand that God is displeased with hate. He compares it to one of the worst offenses that a person can ever perpetrate on another person. This is murder. God compares hate to murder. Nobody wants to be considered a murderer.

Matthew 6:14-16~Why should we forgive others?

*For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins. **Matthew 6:14-16 NIV***

Answer:

One of the greatest needs of the human soul is to experience forgiveness. God says that if we expect to be forgiven of our sins and offenses then we need to forgive our fellow man.

Luke 23:24~ Greatest example of FORGIVENESS?

Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."
- **Luke 23:34 NIV**

Answer:

The greatest example of forgiveness in human history is Jesus Christ. Over 2000 years ago, Jesus (both fully man and God) came into this world, to reconcile (connect) humans back to God. The only way we can be reconciled to God is by Jesus forgiving our sins. Jesus was crucified on the cross unjustly for our sins but he allowed it to happen to show how much he loved us. His love for us is what drove him to forgive us. He was wronged by all man-kind but yet he forgave us. We all can receive God's forgiveness when we repent (to turn) from our sins and accept Jesus in our hearts and confess him with our mouths as Lord and Savior. He was perfect in every way, he did nothing to deserve death, and still when mankind wronged him he chose to forgive.

After, the Moment of Truth please turn the floor back to the group and ask the reflective question.

c. Reflective Questions: *(Please ask group this application question)*

Ask yourself: Do I have hatred in my heart? Have I forgiven everyone that has offended me?

Do you want to know true FORGIVENESS from Jesus Christ ?

NB:*Please feel free to do additional research to enhance your group discussion.*