

SERMON STUDY QUESTIONS

Welcome

1) When you were growing up were you a fighter? A lover? A peacemaker? Or a stay-out-of-the-way-and-don't-cause-problems kind of person?

Word

Read John 1:29-36

- 1) What is the "sin of the world" Jesus takes away?
- 2) Does Jesus literally take sin away from the world or does he expose sin for what it is? Or does he do both? Why?
- 3) What does it mean for the "Lamb of God" to be "God as scapegoat"?
- 4) How does Jesus at the cross refund the world?

Read John 11:45-53

- 1) What were the chief priests and Pharisees concerned about? (See verses 47-48)
- 2) Why would these religious people be afraid of Roman authorities?
- 3) What is Caiphas' motivation behind his words here? (See verses 49-50)
- 4) Why would God in Christ allow himself to be scapegoated and crucified?
- 5) What is the fundamental problem with achieving unity and peace by scapegoating?
- 6) What does the resurrection of Jesus do to the practice of scapegoating?

Work

- 1) What steps can you take in your own life to end blame and accusation?

Worship

- 1) Psalm for the Day - Sun: 96 / Mon: 97 / Tue: 98 / Wed: 99 / Thu: 100 / Fri: 101 / Sat: 102
- 2) Pray for each other