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Sermon Discussion

**BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS....**

Did you know that in 2003 Parihaka was visited by an international delegation of representatives from the Ghandi, King and Nelson Mandela families?

They came to posthumously recognise the contribution of Tohu and Te Whiti to the cause of peace. It is said that the path taken by Tohu and Te Whiti inspired Gandhi in his non-violent resistance campaigns in South Africa and India.

Discuss the quote below - (taken from an online article in the journal Christianity Today, called *How to be a Peace Maker*, written by Richard Gorman, for small group discussion. Article published 12.6 2012).

*“In a world that’s hungry for peace, we must choose to work through conflict in our personal relationships. The road to a world restored begins with each of us in our own way waging peace. **Before we can wage peace out in the world, we need to wage peace in our hearts and in our personal relationships.**”*

Listen to N.T Wright speak about reconciliation in Paul’s letter to Philemon. Name of talk is “Think Christianly” (on youtube 14 minutes).

What do you think about the following quotes?

*Peace can not be kept by force, it can only be achieved by understanding.*’ (Albert Einstein)

*‘The more we sweat in peace, the less we bleed in war.’* (Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit)

*‘When there is no justice, there can be no secure peace.’* (Aung San Suu Kyi)

*‘If you want to make peace, you don’t talk to your friends. You talk to your enemies.’*

(Archbishop Tutu)

*‘You can not shake hands with a clenched fist.’*

(Mahatma Ghandi)

Do you think Jesus would have wept over Parihaka?

If you grew up in NZ did you know more about Guy Fawkes than the story of Parihaka?

Do you think it is important to know our stories from the past?

Does knowing the truth behind our history help us have a different understanding of what happened in our country?

Can reflecting on these stories help provide a better way for the future?

What are the Christian aspects in the story of Parihaka?

Is there a place for violence n peacemaking?

What do you think about conscientious objectors?

What do you think about the Christian leader, Dietrich Bonhoeffer and his decision (that he agonized over) to join a plot to kill Hitler during WW2?

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