

A Living Hermeneutic

Through Whose Eyes Do We Read? Jesus' Flesh as our Hermeneutic



Welcome & Introduction

Street Psalms frees leaders to love and serve in the shape of a Community in Mission (CiM).

- We have an Incarnational Framework and have built a suite of resources to cultivate that vision.
 - CiM - describes this vision.
 - Other resources (some forthcoming) flesh this out: Hermeneutic, Methodology, and Design.
- Our initiatives - designed to help CiMs come alive in their efforts to free up others.



Focus Today

Introduce the hermeneutic that informs the work of Street Psalms and is the basis for the Preaching Peace Initiative.



Hermeneutic: The What and Why of it

- **Reading the Text from Below**
with and through the eyes of Jesus
- **With Easter Eyes**
as the forgiving victim
- **On Our Way to Becoming Human**
to be free to teach and preach a liberating Gospel

Part 1: Reading the Text From Below

"We have for once learned to see the great events of history from below, ... *through the perspective of the barred, the suspects, the badly treated, the powerless, the oppressed, the scoffed—in short the perspective of those who suffer...* personal suffering is a more effective key in exploring the world in thought and action than personal good fortune."

-Bonhoeffer



Part 1: Reading the Text From Below

- What does it mean to read scripture “from below?”
- What does it mean to read scripture not “to,” not “for”, but “with” and through the eyes of Jesus?



Small Group Discussion Questions

- How does reading scripture through the eyes of Jesus affirm or challenge the way you were taught to read scripture?
- How does this style of reading scripture affirm or challenge the community/ies you serve?



Part 2: With Easter Eyes

“And beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted (dihermeneusen) to them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.”



Part 2: With Easter Eyes

What does it mean to read the text through the eyes of the Forgiving Victim, and how does that give us the “intelligence of the victim”?



Large Group Discussion Questions

- How does this perspective affirm or challenge the way you were formed?
- How does this perspective affirm or challenge the community/ies you serve?



Part 3: On Our Way to Becoming Human

*“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because she has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
She has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”*



Part 3: On Our Way to Becoming Human

- How has sacrificial logic shaped you, your theology, and your experience of being human?
- What has it taken (or would it take) to embrace a new perspective, one that recognizes God's love "with skin?"



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Concluding Remarks and Next Steps

Preaching Peace Facilitator Table Applicants:

- By Oct 15: Response sent for your grant application
- By Oct 30: Confirm your participation
- Nov 13, 8-9:30am PST (UTC -8): Orientation

Upcoming Opportunities:

- Join rhythms: www.streetpsalms.org/hub
- The Commons: 4th Wednesday of every month
- Next workshop: Intro to the Incarnational Framework, Oct 17, 8-9:30am PDT (UTC -7); open to all, especially useful for Hub Directors, SP Ordained, Practicing Peace participants



Thank You!

