



Discussion Guide for “The Act of Killing” *Strangers in a Strange Land* Week 6

In the face of unspeakable evils in the world, how can we respond? Peter challenged early Christians to remain faithful to live out the story of Jesus. How does that make a difference? How can the Jesus story lived out in our lives be a path of resistance? And how does the resurrection make that resistance possible?

Scriptures for Further Reading

[1 Peter 3:13-22](#)

[Genesis 6:1-7](#)

[Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16](#)

[John 14:15-21](#)

[Acts 17:22-31](#)

Passage for Sacred Reading:

A sacred reading is a method of reading Scripture that invites God to speak to us through the text. If you have never done a sacred reading, here is [a simple step-by-step guide](#). This week’s passage is [John 14:15-21](#).

Questions for Discussion

1. Share a time you’ve felt helpless in the face of a large evil. Why do we feel so powerless in the face of these evils?
2. Peter claims that those who behind such evil are afraid. What does he mean by that?
3. In verses 20-22, Peter draws on an extra-biblical source, 1 Enoch, to describe how Jesus’ resurrection has overcome the great powers of evil. Why did those first Christians need to know that?
4. What did it mean to live out the story of Jesus for the oppressed Christians to whom Peter was writing? What does it mean for us today in the face of the evils we confront?
5. How does Jesus’ story free both the oppressed and the oppressor?
6. What does it look like for you to be freed from fear this week?