



Discussion Guide for “Seeds of Resistance” *The Devil in the Details* Week 5

When we confront the big evils of the world like racism or school violence, we often feel paralyzed. What can we do in the face of these behemoths it’s easy to label ‘demonic’? It’s counterintuitive, but Jesus calls us to small, consistent acts of faithfulness. His death casts out the evils of the world, so we are called not to be effective but faithful, trusting that his power is at work in our small acts of love.

Scriptures for Further Reading

[John 12:20-33](#)

[Jeremiah 31:31-34](#)

[Psalm 51:1-12](#)

[Hebrews 5:5-10](#)

Lenten Challenge:

Mother Teresa famously observed that, “No one can do great things. But everyone can do small things with great love.” What’s one small thing you can do this week with great love?

Questions for Discussion

1. What are some of the big issues in the world that paralyze you? Why are they so scary?
2. John uses the word ‘world’ to refer to the systems of the world. What are some systems you see as particularly broken?
3. Reread John 12:24-26. What did Jesus mean when he said that we have to ‘care nothing for our life in this world’? What does this look like in our everyday life?
4. Share an example of a small act done with great love that affected you during this Lenten season.
5. What small act can you do this week to resist the big evils of this world?