



Discussion Guide for “Good Trouble”

Decoder Ring Week 6

What do we do when the right thing is wrong? Ever since Jesus was executed by Rome as a political criminal, Christians have often found our commitment to God's Kingdom at odds with the nations and cultures in which we live. What are we supposed to do when we're in way over our heads?

Passage for Sacred Reading:

Sacred Reading is a way of reading Scripture with an eye toward transformation, not just information. Get a [step-by-step guide here](#). The passage for this week's sacred reading is John 14:15-21.

Questions for Discussion

1. What do you think of when you hear the phrase “Good Trouble”? What do you know about John Lewis, who popularized the phrase?
2. What are some times you know of that following Jesus puts his followers at odds with the dominant culture, especially when it's illegal?
3. Who were the original readers of John's gospel? What did it mean for Jesus to promise them an Advocate?
4. How did Jesus advocate for the man born blind in John 9? Have you experienced the Holy Spirit advocating for you in this way?
5. What does it look like to ‘give the Holy Spirit something to work with’? Where is the Spirit inviting you to grow as an advocate?