



Sermon Discussion Guide
Week of 04/15/2018

➤ ***Icebreaker***

Where have you seen the most trolling on-line?

➤ ***Announcements***

Please continue to pray for our Facility Expansion project.

➤ ***Prayer Time***

➤ ***Discussion Questions***

Have you seen an increase in incivility in our culture? How does a toxic mix of children not learning social skill in their homes, poor societal examples, and a general and increasing unwillingness for people to agree to disagree add to this problem? What happens when we blame others for this decline and fail to look at ourselves?

What happens to a marriage, family, or nation that cannot learn to agree to disagree? What happens when disagreement is seen as hate?

How does anonymity- in particular- easily cause people to morph into trolls? How do some people “chum the waters” hoping to lure us in?

Read 1Peter 2:20-25. What is Jesus’ response to His trolls? What does this say to us about taking troll bait? How do we sometimes get sucked into negativity and trolling? What enabled Jesus to keep His composure and stay focused on His mission?

Read 1 Peter 4:12-16. What type of insult *should* every Christ follower expect to hear at some point? Have you ever been insulted for your faith, going to church, loving God or being Christlike? If not, is your faith a little too quiet? What accusations should never be true?

What frees us from the downward spiral of attack-counterattack; accusation- counter accusation; feeling the need to always defend ourselves; thinking we need to make our offender pay- see 1 Peter 2:25; 1 Peter 4:17-19. What should we do instead of losing our minds and our temper?

Why are we so inclined to feed trolls? How does our desire to win and punish contribute to the problem? How does pride often disguise itself as nobility? What is the path we should take and the path we should avoid- see James 3:13-18.

What are some ways we can assert ourselves and express our point of view while not violating our commitment to love God and love others- even our enemies? What- according to James 3:1-12- do we need to tame to make that possible?

> ***Conversational Prayer: Dear God help me...***