



Seek Peace and Pursue It Study Guide

PRE-VIDEO introduction

If you have been following along with the Korean Anabaptist brothers and sisters in South Korea and in Canada, you may be wondering, “Why are there so many amazing things going on in Korea right now? Why are so many Korean-Canadian churches and Christian universities in Canada (that are not Anabaptist), flying Korean Mennonites from South Korea and the United States to Canada to speak about Restorative Justice and Peace Building? Why are newly forming Anabaptist Churches in Korea asking to be in relationship with Mennonite Church BC and Mennonite Church Canada?”

There are so many sprouts of Anabaptism germinating across the Globe. In South Korea, God’s Spirit is moving. Police departments and schools are asking Korean Anabaptists to teach them about Restorative Justice and the Circle Process. Peace theology is gaining interest in Korea, both in secular society and in churches.

As you watch this video, our prayer is that you catch the vision of what God is doing through his church, and you begin to grow in wonder and in awe of Christ’s Spirit moving today, through Jesus’ Sermon-on-the-Mount Anabaptist Christ-based teachings that our South Korean Mennonite brothers and sisters are so passionate about.

Video: [Seek Peace and Pursue It](#)

Study Guide Questions ([click blue numbers for section in video](#))

A. Pastor Choi, Chunchoen: Stolen Cabbages and Restorative Justice [0:45](#)

1. Read Isaiah 61 and focus on this message of deliverance and hope. Jesus opened his ministry on earth with these words. How are Anabaptists in South Korea following Jesus' footsteps using Isaiah 61 as inspiration?
2. Read James 3: 13-18. James calls for "wisdom from above". How has Pastor Choi found ways to use "wisdom from above"? What does this look like in his ministry? In his congregation?
3. For Pastor Choi it was conflict over cabbages, where are places in your community where the soil is ready for seeds of peace?

B. Erv & Marian Wiens: Relational language of love [5:00](#)

1. From the creation of the Mennonite Vocational School to the Jesus Village Church and the inclusion of Mennonite Church Canada Witness workers in Anabaptist communities in South Korea, community has featured prominently in Anabaptist expression of faith. Former Witness workers Erv and Marian Wiens talk about several aspects of this. What struck you about their description? What could we in Mennonite Church Canada learn from this? How does community feature in our congregations? In our lives?

C. Sunju Moon: Korea Anabaptist Center [7:21](#)

1. What are KAC's 3 visions of the Anabaptist church? What are ways that KAC spreads this vision? How does your congregation express this vision in your ministries?

D. Cheryl & Scott: Seeds of Anabaptism [9:13](#)

1. Scott Kim says there is a "thirstiness, a need for the whole message of what Jesus taught us, not just evangelical, but the social justice part." He credits this for the growth of peacebuilding as a key component of the Anabaptist faith in Korea. As you read Scripture, where do you see Jesus' teaching of the "whole message"? Do you see this "thirstiness for the whole message of Jesus" in the community where you work, shop and go to school?
2. According to Scott Kim and Cheryl Woelk, why do Korean Anabaptists focus on peacebuilding in their ministry? How does this fit with Palmer Becker's teaching that "Jesus is the centre of our faith. Community is the centre of our lives. Reconciliation is the centre of our work."? How are these lived out in your life?

E. Bock Ki Kim: Korea Peacebuilding Institute [11:10](#)

1. According to Witness worker, Bock Ki Kim, a focus on peacebuilding has led to many types of ministries in the community. Do you see evidence of these seeds of peacebuilding growing in your neighbourhood?

F. Cheryl & Scott: Seeds of Anabaptism [12:45](#)

1. Based on your answer in E.1, how can your congregation, as Cheryl says "celebrate, support, and encourage those plants to grow in a healthy way"?

POST VIDEO Response: God is doing this amazing work. We are not controlling it, but we do get to joyfully participate in what God is doing. Our prayer is that in your life too, this week, that the same growth that you saw in this video is growing inside of you, and those things that God has planted in your life - perhaps 20 years ago, perhaps 50 years ago - that God would take those little roots, and they would grow into big trees, eventually becoming a great forest of fulfilled promises of God. We give praise for God's work in the world.

Benediction: Peacekeepers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.
James 3:18