

the  Venues
Go Deep
Peace in a Pandemic
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What is the biggest jigsaw puzzle you have put together?

How has COVID united people?

How has COVID divided people?

Why did previous national tragedies like Pearl Harbor and 9-11 bring the nation together, yet COVID seems to have pushed us apart?

Read Genesis 2:7, Genesis 3:20 and Ecclesiastes 3:20.

What do these verses communicate about the presence of connection with creation?

Ok, read this quote in light of the previous Bible verses:

“Everything we are and everything in the universe and on Earth originated from stardust, and it continually floats through us even today. It directly connects us to the universe, rebuilding our bodies over and again over our lifetimes.”

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What does being stardust say about our connection?

Mother Teresa said, *“If we have no peace, it’s because we have forgotten that we belong to each other.”*

What do you think about that statement?

How does living as if we belong to each other produce peace in our world?

How would we treat each other if we really believed we were connected?

Read the two verses from Paul’s letter to the Ephesians: 3:15 and 1:10.

What message is Paul communicating in these verses?

Ok, a little Hebrew: Adam, the name of the first man in the Genesis story, is the Hebrew word for “man” “mankind” “humanity.” The story says God named the first man, “man” or “mankind” “humankind.”

We are a part of humanity.

What does the word “humane” mean?

The connection is obvious: Human - Humane: *Why don’t humans act more humane?*

How will you act more connected to others? How will you treat others more humanely?