



Black Panther: Forgiving Killmonger Lesson

Purpose:

To discuss Black Panther's final scene with Killmonger as an act of forgiveness in the way that Jesus calls us to do.

Scriptural Examples:

Luke 10:36-37: "The one who showed mercy"

- These verses sum up the lesson from the Parable of the Good Samaritan. Jesus asks which man was the neighbor, to which the lawyer states: "the one who showed mercy." Jesus then says, "Go and do likewise."

Matthew 5:43-45: "Love your enemies"

- Jesus' words on loving our enemies from the Sermon on the Mount

Acts 9:1-6, (7-19): The Road to Damascus

- Paul, though he has persecuted the church, is treated with mercy by Jesus (and Ananias).

Supplies:

+ Computer/Device to Stream (Something else to project to, depending on group size)

+ Clip from *Black Panther* of Killmonger's Death Scene/ Sunset (if you don't have a physical copy, you can find the film or clips of it through various streaming services.)

Note: if you have younger viewers, make sure you get signed permission

from parents. This film has a PG-13 rating.



Procedure:



1. If you haven't already in other sessions, go through who Killmonger is in the film and his conflict with Black Panther so far (use the resources on the *Gospel according to Superheroes* website if you need help with this).
2. Show the clip of Black Panther and Killmonger looking at the sunset and, if time allows, the fight scene before this.
3. Discuss Black Panther taking Killmonger to see the sunset as an act of mercy on Killmonger.
4. Also Discuss Black Panther saying, "Maybe we can still heal you." After all that Killmonger has done, Black Panther still shows compassion for him.
5. Discuss Black Panther's act of forgiveness as a continuation of his forgiveness of Zemo in *Captain America Civil War* (go to *Gospel according to Superheroes* website to learn more).
6. Discuss Black Panther's desire to right the past wrongs of his father and ancestors. Discuss whether this might aid Black Panther in his compassion for Killmonger.



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