

News Story Summary

On Sunday, May 17, 2015, a fight broke out between rival motorcycle gangs in a restaurant in Waco, Texas. Nine of the bikers died in the fight. The conflict appears to be over turf wars between two of the biker gangs. The conflict has its roots in the 1960s when these two biker gangs were established. Police were aware of the potential for trouble and had stationed uniformed officers outside the restaurant on that morning. At least five biker gangs were involved with each having ties to organized crime that includes drug trafficking, extortion, and robbery.

(For more on this story, search the Internet using the sentence “Biker Fight in Waco”)

Focus Attention

As group members arrive, start discussions around the recent fight between rival motorcycle gangs that took place in Waco, Texas. Ask the group to share their understanding of the conflict and of the reputations of the biker gangs involved.

Once most of the group members have arrived ask: “Do you believe the world is becoming a better place, worse place or staying the same?”

Say: You hear some senior adults talk about people today seem to be more disrespectful and more taken to illegal and taboo behavior. If this is true, what hope do we have for our future?

Transition: Comment that as the group reaches the end of Malachi and the study of the Minor Prophets, we see God’s Chosen people being given a warning about a day of judgment. Challenge the group to look for how hope is included in the warning.

Challenge

Once again point to the news of the ongoing battle between the motorcycle gangs. Ask: How do stories like this point to the need for hope in today’s world?

Ask: Who in your life is experiencing the pain of this world that could use the good news of Jesus Christ?

Pray: Place the group in pairs and direct them to pray for each other to have the opportunity to share the good news of Jesus Christ with a friend that is in need of hope.