

Love Came Down ... Where is the Hope?

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Part of the people's prayer:

You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. --
Isaiah 64:5-7 (NRSV)

- Why was it easier for the people to point fingers at God instead of taking ownership for their own mistakes?
- At whom do you point fingers?

Part of God's response:

I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask,
to be found by those who did not seek me.
I said, "Here I am, here I am,"
to a nation that did not call on my name.
I held out my hands all day long
to a rebellious people,
who walk in a way that is not good,
following their own devices -- Isaiah 65:1-2 (NRSV)

- God is waiting with open arms. How does that change the way we view the chaos in the world?
- Instead of pointing fingers, what is God calling you to do to bring hope to the world?
- What is God calling our church to do? How can you be part of that?

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