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Go Deep
Disney Digs Deep
The Hunchback of Notre Dame:
Church Hurt
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What has been your experience with “church hurt”?

_____ Negative teaching?

_____ Oppressive views?

_____ Oppressive policies?

_____ Immoral leaders?

_____ Rigid requirements/expectations?

_____ Other? _____

Before “The Hunchback of Notre Dame” was a Disney movie it was a book, written by Victor Hugo, in 1831. Some say Hugo wrote it as a critique of the church.

The priest, Frollo, is presented as hypocritical, prejudiced, racist, mean, murderous.

Esmeralda, is “the other” - a person who is made out to be ethically, racially, religiously, culturally different from, inferior to, the norm.

Yet, it is Esmeralda who is compassionate, full of mercy, kind, and just like God...

Read Luke 6:36

If God is full of mercy, why aren't people who claim to follow God full of mercy?

Have you met people outside the church who are kinder than people inside the church?

Read Luke 10:25-37.

What similarities do you see in the story told by Jesus and the story told by Victor Hugo?

Does it surprise you or not, that the religious people in the stories were less compassionate than the irreligious?

What lesson is Jesus and Victor Hugo teaching us?