

# MESSAGE BASED QUESTIONS – Week 2

## Tough Topics & the Gospel

Leader chooses a light-hearted get to know you opening question.

Then present this continuum and ask where would they place themselves?

Realists———— Just War ————— Pacifist

### *Summary of Positions*

- Realist: War is inevitable always take care of country
  - Exodus 15:3, Matthew 10:34, Conquests of Canaan
- Just War: After all else is tried, war is acceptable
  - Romans 13:1-4
- Pacifists: Violence is against the will of God
  - Matthew 26:50-52, Matthew 5:43-45

When was the last time you have really done a reflection on this topic? How has your upbringing, your part of the country, and background impacted where you are at on this topic?

What role does the Scripture have on your thoughts on this topic?

What are some books or articles you have read from not only your perspective but from a different perspective that have stretched your thinking?

Pastor Rick mentioned that whenever people are rubbing shoulders, there is going to be conflict. How do you handle personal conflict?

What do these passages teach you about how to handle conflict?

Matthew 18:15, Matthew 5:23-24, Romans 12:17-21

How will an awareness of this topic impact your life? What are some next steps you can take?