


the  Venues
Go Deep
What Would Jesus Say About...
Guns
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Will you respond to this question that we posted on FB this week?
“What words come to mind when you think about guns?”

Upon what can the differing sides of the gun debate agree?

How often does “Jesus” come up in your debates/discussions about guns?

Our core text Sunday was **Mark 1:9-15**.

One way to understand “kingdom” is to think of Martin Luther King Jr’s “I Have a Dream” speech. The “kingdom” is God’s dream for the planet and its residents. Read the following passages and detail the descriptions of God’s dream:

Isaiah 11:6-9; Isaiah 2:4; Micah 4:3; Isaiah 9:4-5; Isaiah 9:6-7

Isaiah 9:6-7 refers to “God of the Armies.”

What are the weapons in God’s army? Proverbs 15:1; Proverbs 25:15; Hosea 1:7; Zechariah 4:6

What does Mark 1:9-15 say about the arrival of God’s kingdom?

Read Matthew 5:43-48.

How does Jesus’ teachings reflect God’s dream?

How does Jesus’ teachings inform or shape our view of guns?

Why do you think Evangelical Christians are the biggest block of gun owners (41%)?

Read Luke 22:36-38.

What does this account tell us about Jesus’ view on the topic? What does the reference to “prophecy” mean as we try to interpret this?

Read Luke 22:47-51 and Matthew 26:5.

How do these verses fit with Luke 22:36-38? How do you reconcile these passages?

How can we work to make God’s dream come true?