**Exodus 20:13**

**Matthew 5:17-19, 38-39**

**War, Military Service and Non-resistance**

1. How relevant is the issue of war and military service to our country today? Is it a political issue or a moral issue and why?
2. How can this issue affect our relationship with God (vertical)? Our relationship with our fellow man (horizontal)?
3. Can you give some examples from history where the leadership of governments had to weigh the options of war? What were the relevant considerations?
4. How does one’s world view inform the view one embraces of military service? Law enforcement? Why is this important?
5. Our United States military is currently an all-volunteer force. How does that affect the approach from when we had a military draft?
6. Which principles of just warfare are the easiest to determine? The most difficult? Why is this important?
7. What character qualities of Jesus are we most likely to communicate? The least likely? Why is it important to have a balanced understanding of Jesus as God?
8. Read Matthew 5:38-39. How do we live this passage out in our individual lives? How does this differ from how our government exercises its responsibility to protect and defend its citizens?
9. Describe how Jesus allowed violence to fulfill the purposes of God personally? How was his crucifixion a unique event in all of history? How can we apply this personally? Corporately?