**The Gospel of Peace: Nonviolence, Pacifism & Passivism**

**“Too often ‘love your enemies’ was twisted to render the oppressed compliant from the very heart, forgiving every injustice with no thought of changing the system. Nonviolence meant, in the context of this perverse inversion of the gospel, passivity. And the fact that ‘pacifism’ and ‘passivism’ sound so alike only made confusion worse.” Walter Wink**

**A different Kind of Kingdom**

John 18:33-38, Luke 6:27-37, Matthew 16:13-20, Mark 8:27-37

**Revisiting the Sermon on the Mount**

Matthew 5:21-26, 38-48

**What does Jesus mean, Do Not Resist an Evil Person?**

Matthew 5:38-42, Luke 6:27-37, Luke 10:25-37

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**Put away That Sword!**

Matthew 26:47-56, 67-68, Luke 9:51-55, Isaiah 53:7-9,

**“In the sermon on the mount Jesus offers not only a response to evil, but a command to go on the offensive. Take the initiative and fight evil – fight it by loving your enemies.” Preston Sprinkle**

**Take Aways:**

1. **Learning from the nonviolent example of Jesus.**
2. **Fight or Flight or...**

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1. Take a few minutes to share around the group about your week. Share a highlight and lowlight from the week.
2. Have you ever had a hard time with the words pacifism or nonviolence as it relates to life and faith? Why or why not?
3. Take time to review Sunday’s teaching. What was something that stood out to you? Something that was new to you?
4. Read Mark 8:27-37 together a couple of times. Look at the passage in a few different translations.
5. What differences did you see in the translations? Do you have any interesting study notes in your bible?
6. What part of this passage stood out to you? Why?
7. What parts did you have a hard time with and why?
8. What can we learn about God in this passage? What can we learn about Jesus’ mission and ways?
9. Why do you think Jesus says to Peter get behind me Satan?
10. What can we learn about the way of peace from this passage?
11. How can you apply what we have been talking about to your life this week?
12. Spend some time praying for one another as we follow Jesus this week.