

ACCESS, 12/8 - Gun Control

Read:

John 18:36 // ³⁶ Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world."

Psalm 46:1 // ¹ God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Hebrews 10:34 // ³⁴ For you had compassion on those in prison, and you joyfully accepted the plundering of your property, since you knew that you yourselves had a better possession and an abiding one.

Luke 22:36, 38 // ³⁶ He said to them, "But now let the one who has a moneybag take it, and likewise a knapsack. And let the one who has no sword sell his cloak and buy one. ³⁸ And they said, "Look, Lord, here are two swords." And he said to them, "It is enough."

Big Questions:

- Gun control, yay or nay? Is there even a "right" answer?
- How does the Christian, not the republican or democrat, view gun control?
- Where is the good, the bad, and the gray area?

Teaching Points:

- Regardless of your stance on gun control, we stand united against gun violence. We can disagree on gun control, but at the end of the day, still be brothers and sisters in Christ.
- What are our rights as American citizens? What does that mean for us as Christians?

Discussion Questions:

- How do you personally view guns? Purpose, danger, good, bad? Where could you see yourself wanting guns in the hands of responsible citizens?
- Why is gun control such a big, contentious issue? What are the sides and where do they disagree? What is the real, underlying issue? Is it the existence of guns? Is it just bad people? Where does sin enter and how does it affect everything?
- What changes would you like to see made in regards to gun control? Do you think that solves the problem? What other realms need change(s)? Cultural, social, spiritual, etc.
- With all this said, if you or your family were under attack, would you shoot the assailant? What would Jesus do?

Recommended Resources:

- <http://www.equip.org/article/gun-control-debate-two-christian-perspectives/>
- <http://www.russellmoore.com/2016/01/05/is-gun-control-a-christian-issue/>
- <https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/should-christians-be-encouraged-to-arm-themselves>
- <https://relevantmagazine.com/current/nation/4-things-christians-need-remember-about-gun-control>