

Hashing It Out II
VHS #3400

IS IT RIGHT FOR CHRISTIANS TO BREAK THE LAW IF THEIR CONSCIENCE IS REALLY OFFENDED?

After the video:

1. Look up some scripture:

Daniel 6:3-11, 16-23

Isaiah 10:1-4

Romans 13:1-7

2. According to Tony, the government gives 2 choices:

Obey the laws of the land.

Break the laws of the land but submit to the punishment given.

Revolution (Steve volunteered this one)

3. How have these options changed the course of human events?
4. When do you think you are justified in breaking the law?

IS PATRIOTISM IDOLATRY?

1. Look up some scripture:

Matthew 6:24

2. What is your definition of patriotism?
3. What is your definition of idolatry?
4. How does patriotism turn into idolatry?

IS THERE ANYTHING TO BE FEARED IN THESE MEN'S MOVEMENTS?

After the video:

1. Look up some scripture:
Ephesians 5:21-32
2. What is a real man?
3. What is the servant role as a husband?
4. As a woman, have you ever felt put down by men?

HAS THE FEMINIST MOVEMENT HURT OUR FAMILIES?

1. Are there sociological, cultural or physiological differences between men and women?
2. Are they entitled to equal opportunity?
3. do you see any differences between your grandparents' or parents' marriage and your children's' marriages?

SHOULD THERE BE SEX EDUCATION IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS?

After the video:

1. Look up some scripture:
Proverbs 5:3-14
I Corinthians 13:4-13
2. If we are a society that cannot agree on values, should it come only from parents?
3. Should the church be teaching sex education in the context of religious values?
4. Is sex education the cause of promiscuity in youth today?
5. Are the schools doing anything right in this area of sex education?

IS AMERICA IN MORAL DECLINE?

1. Look up scripture:

Ezekiel 14:1-11

Matthew 13:24-30

2. What is the difference between social morality and religious morality?
3. How do you feel about the quote from Billy Graham: “If God does not judge America, then God will have to apologize to Sodom and Gomorrah”?
4. Steve and Tony got into the abortion issue. Do you want to discuss the pros and cons and moral obligations of the pro lifers? Of the pro choicers?
5. Do we tend to be too idealistic about our country’s religious history? To pessimistic about our country’s future?

DOES AMERICA HAVE TOO MANY PRISONS/PRISONERS?

Before the video:

What is wrong with the way we dispense justice in America?

After the video:

How do you react to Tony’s idea of making the criminal pay back the victim fourfold—instead of making the criminal pay society? Would that reduce the number of prisons?

Do you support the idea that the criminal should be made to confront his/her victim? What impact would this have on the rehabilitative role of our justice system?

Are there cases where retribution—not rehabilitation—should be the goal of our justice system?

ARE CHURCHES TOO TOLERANT OF DIVORCE?

Tony suggests that under Hebrew Law, divorce was not tolerated by polygamy was. He suggests that a monogamous society can learn from this by making one more responsible for the welfare of his/her former mate (per the marriage vows) despite the dissolution of the marriage. What role could the church play in encouraging this kind of shift in societal practices?

Do you agree that the Declaration of Independence's emphasis on the "pursuit of happiness" has caused American society to value this more than faithfulness and responsibility?

Steve Brown expresses a pastor's discomfort in preaching the sanctity of marriage to a congregation where half of them are divorced. How can the church minister to the needs of divorced persons while, at the same time, take a tough stand against divorce?

DO SPORTS LEAD TO VIOLENCE?

After the video:

1. Look up some scripture:

Genesis 49: 5-7

Proverbs 24: 17-18

2. How do you personally feel about sports and violence?
3. What are some positive things about sports?
4. Where is violence coming from in our society today?

DOES DOUBT MAKE FAITH STRONGER IN THE END?

1. Look up some scripture:

Matthew 14:28-31

Matthew 4:1-11

Matthew 11:2-6

Matthew 26:36-46

2. There are 2 kinds of doubt:

Pagan – I will NOT believe

2 minded – I want to believe, help my unbelief!

3. Have you ever thought that perhaps Jesus doubted?
4. What are some good things about doubt?

SHOULD RELIGIOUS PEOPLE SUPPORT GUN CONTROL?

After the video:

1. Look up some scripture:

Matthew 5:11-12

Matthew 5:38-42

2. How do you feel about have a gun in the house for protection?
3. How do you feel about automatic weapons in the hands of ordinary citizens?

SHOULD THE GOVERNMENT TAKE CARE OF THE SICK?

After the video:

1. Look up some scripture:

Romans 13:1-7

Isaiah 65:17-20

Matthew 25:31-36

2. Who is to take care of the sick and dying in this country?
3. What is our role as Christians?
4. What is this church doing to take care of the sick?