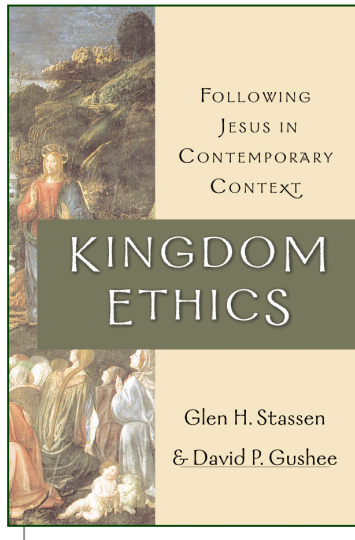


## Topics for Discussion



### Just War, Nonviolence and Just Peacemaking

- Describe each of these approaches to war as they relate to our world today.
- What are the strengths and weaknesses of each approach?
- Which approach do you think best exemplifies a kingdom ethic?

### Restorative Penalties for Homicide

- Those who favor the death penalty and argue for it biblically often take as their key passage Genesis 9:6: “Whoever sheds the blood of a human, by a human (shall or will) that person’s blood be shed.” What is your analysis of this passage?

### New Frontiers in Biotechnology

- What does Jesus have to do with biotechnology?
- How should the church respond to this question—why should the biotech industry not proceed in remaking humanity now that we have developed the power to do so?

### Divorce

- What is the question Jesus wants us to ask about divorce?
- What does kingdom living entail in the area of marriage?

### Race

- Why is justice, rather than reconciliation, the better rubric under which to consider issues of race?
- What must the church do to bring justice to the issue of race?

### Economics

- What are the key themes in Jesus’ teaching on Christian economic ethics?
- What are some of the evasion strategies North American Christians have developed and refined for (not) dealing with Jesus’ teaching on wealth?
- What is your response to those evasion strategies?

### Politics

- What does Jesus teach about the role Christians should play in government?
- Describe the significance of salt, light and deeds as they relate to politics and the church.

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