

## **Small Group Study Guide, Week of August 17, 2025**

Matthew 5:38-42. "Is There a Just Cause for War?" Pastor Tim Cho

**Ice Breaker:** Do you have any war heroes in your family? What did they do that was "heroic"?

### **Dig:**

1. See Exodus 21:24 and Leviticus 24:20. What was the original intent of "eye for eye and tooth for tooth"? How was the law being perverted?
2. What qualities does Jesus say should replace the desire for revenge? On what basis? What additional light do verses 43-48 shed on this topic?

### **Apply:**

3. Who in your life do you feel vengeful toward right now? How is God calling you to deal with that?
4. As you reflect on this passage and on Pastor Tim's message, what do you think regarding the Christian response to war? How does that compare/contrast to your personal response to war? Why?

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