

## Talk It Over

*Questions are prepared each week and are designed to prompt insights, questions, and the life experience of each listener. If these are used immediately following the sermon, it would be much the same as what was done in Israel at the time of the early church.*

*For the sake of time, you may want to choose one or two questions.*

### Read

Matthew 5:38-42

### Discuss

1. Have you heard or read this teaching of Jesus before? What are your initial impressions?
2. How do you think Jesus' disciples would have reacted on first hearing this teaching? Would they have liked this teaching? Why or why not?
3. What do you think Jesus' followers would have wanted Jesus to say about the specific issues he addresses--particularly about being compelled by Roman soldiers to carry their gear?
4. How does Jesus live out what he is teaching in this passage? How does Jesus' life demonstrate what he is teaching?
5. Why does Jesus ask his followers to willingly give up their rights? What is the end game of this teaching?
6. Do you think the present-day church in America is following Jesus' teaching in this passage? Why or why not?
7. How does this teaching personally challenge you? In what ways does this teaching prompt you to think and act differently?



### Wrap Up:

Spend time in prayer together.