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Compass Guide
Scripture & Questions

Monday

Scripture: Deuteronomy 21:18-21

Question: Do you feel there is a different cultural context from the Old Testament to today? What are some reasons why this story from Deuteronomy should not guide our thoughts about the death penalty?

Tuesday

Scripture: John 8:3-11

Question: Jesus' words bring comfort to the woman caught in adultery; how do you see this story relating to our concept of capital punishment?

Wednesday

Scripture: Genesis 9:1-6

Question: Today's passage is another difficult one to read. Does this mean an "eye for an eye," or maybe we should read the heart of God into this? Maybe God is speaking about the sanctity of a human life more than punishment. What do you think?

Thursday

Scripture: Romans 12:14-21

Question: How easily can you lean away from feelings of revenge? What helps you in those cases?

Friday

Scripture: Revelation 21:5-8

Question: John speaks of a second death in Revelation for those who turn away from God. Does this give us the approval of causing a 'first death' through capital punishment? Why or why not?

Saturday

Scripture: Romans 5:6-11

Question: How can we justify the death penalty, if the actions of Jesus on the cross offers forgiveness to all people?