**Resistance**

**Small Groups-1**

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| Read | **Matthew 5:38-42** |
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| Discuss | * What do you think about nuclear missiles? Should we *have* them? Should we *use* them? Is there another way?
* **Rev Dr Martin Luther King said, *"****In spite of temporary victories, violence never brings permanent peace*.*"* To what extent do you agree with this?
* When have you had to resist evil? What was the situation? What happened?
* **How racist is Britain? When do *you* experience or observe racism? How do your experiences of racism shape your view?**
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| Go further | * v.38: Why was an ‘eye for an eye’ only part of the answer? Why did Jesus go further?
* v.39: Why is ‘turning the other cheek’ so hard? How did Jesus do this? How was He vindicated in this? When have you done this?
* v.40: How is power and wealth used today to oppress the poor/ vulnerable?
* v.41: Why is it important sometimes to show you’re not crushed/ broken? When have you gone the ‘extra mile’ to show this?
* v.42: Why is ‘giving’ not ‘lending’?
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| Reflect | * Which one verse stands out to you? Why do you think it grabs your attention?
* Which verse(s) will you need to think more about? Why?
* To what extent do you resist evil?
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| Do | * Explore what racial justice resources/ events your church denomination/ network provides.
* Listen to Birmingham-based Professor Anthony Reddie <https://tinyurl.com/4j3mhj88>
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| Pray | *Dear God of Justice,* *In Your wisdom You create all people in Your image, without exception. We are all Your family. Open our eyes to see \_\_\_. Open our ears to hear \_\_\_\_. Open our hearts to \_\_\_. Give us courage to \_\_\_. Fill us with \_\_\_. Lead us today in resisting evil. Amen.* |
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| ?My question: |  |

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