Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White -- Thoughts on Religion, Morality, and Politics
Questions for class discussion

How Should We Live? The Ethics of Jesus

Main Idea: The central ethic of Jesus was love, and we are to reflect his love.

Discussion:

1. How would you define *morality?* What the basis of your morality.
2. What is rules-based ethics or morality. Give an example of this kind of morality.
3. What is consequence- or outcomes-based morality? Give an example of this kind of morality.
4. What is virtues-based morality? Give an example of this kind of morality.
5. Why is each of these approaches to morality inadequate by itself? Discuss some of the problems with these approaches.
6. What three basic precepts or rules did Jesus give us to live by?
7. Based on these three rules, what are the three question we should ask ourselves when making moral decisions and choices
8. What is the Wesleyan Quadrilateral, and how can it help us to answer questions when making moral decisions and choices? Why are all four sides of the quadrilateral important? What happens when we exclude any of them?
9. Read Luke 10:25-37 (https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+10%3A25-37&version=NIV) Why do you think the Priest and the Levite chose not to stop and help the injured man? Which of the three approaches to morality do you think they used to reach this decision? Why is the Samaritan an unlikely hero? How did his actions demonstrate sacrificial love?
10. What questions did Martin Luther King say we should ask ourselves when determining whether or not to get involved and help others in need? How did his own choices in the last days reflect the fact that he practiced what he preached?
11. How has this discussion helped or challenged you?