



INTRODUCTION

Can the church bridge the divide when compassion and national security collide? We say yes.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What did you learn from this message that informed your opinion about the current refugee crisis?
2. Which of the following surprised you the most?
 - The difference between a refugee and an immigrant.
 - The United States' vetting process and the number of refugees vetted each year.
 - The extent of the humanitarian crisis in Syria.
3. With which part of the message did you most wrestle?
 - The concern for national security and our desire to be compassionate toward refugees.
 - The potential conflict between the role of religion and the role of government as it relates to human dignity and freedom.
 - The tension created because the U.S. Constitution grants us the freedom to believe anything we want, but not behave any way we want.
 - That compassion and religion should inform our legal system, but they must not undermine our legal system.
 - That there should be a limit to the expression of religion and the guiding principle of that limit should be dignity and justice for all people.
4. In the sermon, Andy said, "*What is best for people is what is best.*" How do you respond if what is best for you and your family is seemingly at odds with what is best for someone else?

MOVING FORWARD

The church has a unique voice in the political landscape. As Jesus followers, we believe that what's *best* for people is *best*. We are on the side of human dignity. Do you want to be the hands and feet of Jesus for people who have fled their countries because of persecution, war, or violence? To help refugees locally or globally, visit:

globalx.org/refugees

CHANGING YOUR MIND

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16