



**Immigration**  
**9<sup>th</sup> in the “#Trending” Series**  
Luke 22:39 – 53, p. 882  
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1. Why is immigration such a debated and difficult topic?
  - a. It is robustly political.
  
  - b. It is robustly complicated.
  
  - c. It is a *jagged-line* issue with *straight-line* segments.
  
2. God’s definition of justice requires a heart for the foreigner.
  - a. Zechariah 7:8-10 Page 795
    - i. Widow, Orphan, Poor, Foreigner (Sojourner)
  
  - b. Deuteronomy 24:17-22 Page 166 (Leviticus 19:9-10)
  
  - c. Leviticus 19:33-34 Page 98
  
3. Jesus calls the church to radical and sacrificial love of enemy.  
(Luke 22:39-53)

**Application:** Our biblical view of *people* **must** inform our *policy* (not the other way around).

- (1) Learn about the refugees local to our community (Rockford)
- (2) Pray for wisdom for our nation’s leaders.
- (3) Commit to listening, learning, and soft speech.

## Small Group Questions

1. Why is immigration such a debated and difficult topic?
2. What questions do you still have about immigration?
3. How is immigration a “*jagged-line* issue with *straight-line* segments?”
4. What does the Old Testament teach about justice and the foreigner?
5. How does the Old Testament’s teaching on justice inform Christian convictions concerning immigration?
6. What stands out to you about Jesus’s actions in Luke 22:39-53?
7. How does this text (Luke 22) inform a Christian response concerning immigration?
8. Does Jesus’s example of his “radical love of enemy” challenge or confront your convictions concerning immigration – or illegal aliens?
9. How does the category of “*Faithful-Presence Within*” guide a church’s response to the immigration crisis?

**Further Bible Reading:** Luke 4:14-30; Luke 10:25-37; James 1-3 (*especially 1:19-27; 2:14-26; & 3:1-12*)

**Book Recommendations:** *Generous Justice* by Tim Keller; *Christians at the Border* by M. Daniel Carroll R., and *Beyond Smoke and Mirrors* by Massey, Durand, and Malone