

Discussion Guide for "Batman v Superman + Civil War" *Top 10: Movies* Week 1

Two major superhero films this year feature the good guys fighting each other. Does this reflect the anxiety we feel when we can't seem to agree with people we care about on important issues? How do we fight well? The early church's first major conflict in Acts 15 offers us guidance.

Scriptures for Further Reading

Acts 15:4-29
1 Corinthians 13:4-13
Galatians 2:1-16
Ephesians 2:10-22
Colossians 3:9-17

Questions for Discussion

- 1. How do you feel when conflict hits? Do you engage or avoid? Where have you seen collateral damage from fights in our culture (or even experienced it personally)?
- 2. Discuss the issue of Gentile Christians in Acts 15. Why was this issue so contentious?
- 3. Discuss the four sides of the Wesleyan Quadrilateral (Scripture, Tradition, Reason Experience). Which do you lean on the most? Which do you ignore or discount?
- 4. Why is it essential to surround those four elements with the Spirit and Community?
- 5. Revisit the description of Love in 1 Corinthians 13. What would it look like if we all strove to embody those virtues when we have a conflict?
- 6. What is scary about this vision of conflict? What is exciting? What is your next step this week?