

LECTURE 3: CHRISTIAN FOUNDATIONS OF NONVIOLENCE

Featuring Dr. KC Choi and Dr. Lisa Sowle Cahill

Brief Summary:

This lecture explores the Christologically-grounded nature of nonviolence. Among other important fundamental materials, presenters draw on Biblical texts— including scriptures highlighting the nonviolent ethos of Jesus and papal statements relating to Catholic teaching on nonviolence. For summaries of each speaker's presentation, go to <https://cniserries.info>

KC Choi's Presentation

(Run Time: 21 min)

REFLECT/DISCUSS

1. *List scriptures, words, phrases, or statements from Clip One that helped you better understand the Christian Foundations of nonviolence.*
2. *How would you respond to someone who says God is violent and supported war in the scriptures?*
3. *What would it mean to practice nonviolence in the form of encounter? What kind of concrete practices would nonviolence as encounter entail?*

Lisa Cahill's Presentation

(Run Time: 28 min)

REFLECT/DISCUSS

1. *List scriptures, words, phrases, or statements from Clip Two that helped you better understand the Christian Foundations of nonviolence.*
2. *Dr. Cahill notes that the work of nonviolence is "eschatological". What does this mean to you? Are there any examples from your own experience that illustrate this idea?*
3. *In what ways have Church teaching documents elaborated the centrality and urgency of nonviolence? What do you think gets in the way of fully committing to the teachings and example of the nonviolent Jesus?*

RECAP

- ★ In summary, what new information did you learn about nonviolence in this lecture? What questions remain?