

Because we have a guest speaker this week, there will be no **group questions**. Instead, we encourage you to dig into the scriptures that were used in Steve Carter's talk.

[2](#)And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. [3](#)And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. [4](#)Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth." Genesis 11: 2 - 4

[19](#)Now there was no blacksmith to be found throughout all the land of Israel, for the Philistines said, "Lest the Hebrews make themselves swords or spears." [20](#)But every one of the Israelites went down to the Philistines to sharpen his plowshare, his mattock, his axe, or his sickle, [21](#)and the charge was two-thirds of a shekel^e for the plowshares and for the mattocks, and a third of a shekel^f for sharpening the axes and for setting the goads.^g [22](#)So on the day of the battle there was neither sword nor spear found in the hand of any of the people with Saul and Jonathan, but Saul and Jonathan his son had them 1 Samuel 13: 19 - 22

[4](#)He shall judge between the nations,
and shall decide disputes for many peoples;
and they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war anymore.
Isaiah 2: 4

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, [15](#)but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. [16](#)"And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. Matthew 6: 13 – 16 (Message Version)