

# Death Penalty Study Group from Faith Perspectives

Glen Anderson offers to present this well-designed series with plenty of resource materials (including some assigned "homework" readings between sessions) for groups of 6 or more in your local faith community or other setting.

It is sponsored by the Olympia Fellowship of Reconciliation's Committee for Alternatives to the Death Penalty  
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## Session 1

Mutual respect and listening

Series overview

Experiences with crime and the criminal justice system

Go around briefly to share our current thoughts and feelings about the death penalty, especially in light of our respective religious faiths or spiritual groundings

History of the death penalty, especially in the United States

How the death penalty works in Washington

Any concerns or questions about this series?

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## Session 2

Crime and justice

What we think and feel about the death penalty

Laws, judicial procedures, etc.

Murders in the Bible

Hebrew scriptures and other Jewish teachings

Deterrence

Invite people to research any aspect for a 10-minute presentation during our final session 3 weeks from tonight.

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## Session 3

Who is on death row?

Bias (race, class, disability, geography, etc.)

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## Session 4

Innocence

Illinois Moratorium

Cost

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## Session 5

Christian Scriptures and other Christian perspectives

Victims and their families

Show Aba Gayle's "The Closure Myth" video

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## Session 6

Executions: Methods, processes, problems

Individual presentations if anyone has volunteered

Other faith-based perspectives about the death penalty

Experience the various feelings of various kinds of people

The movement to abolish the death penalty

What have we learned in this study group series?

Evaluate this study group series

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