



# I WANT TO BELIEVE BUT...

09/20/2020 “...The Bible is Full of Violence”

1. What stood out to you most from Sunday’s message? Why?
2. Was there anything new that you discovered or something you hadn’t thought of in that way before? If so, what was it?
3. Read John 11:32-35. Why do you think Jesus was “troubled”, or as The Message translation puts it, “a deep anger welled up within him”?
4. What things do you think anger God?
5. How could someone reconcile the anger of God with the love of God?
6. Pastor John stated, “We Would NOT Want a NON-Violent God”. What does he mean by this? Would you agree and why or why not?
7. Most agree that anger can be unloving, but can there be loving anger? What is the object of this type of anger?
8. Read Psalm 103:6-14. What is the main message of this passage?
9. How does this passage portray God’s anger and his response to sins?
10. From this perspective does the wrath of God, which brings justice, give you hope? Why or why not?
11. Without attempting to find solutions, what questions about God’s violence or wrath still come to mind? Share some of them with your group, and your group leader is invited to write these down and email them to [john.slye@trygrace.org](mailto:john.slye@trygrace.org).
12. Has this message and discussion changed your view of God or Old Testament passage? How?
13. Does this affect your faith and ability to trust God?