

Session Five
Chapters 8 & 9 in *The Violence Project*
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How did blister packs and natural gas ovens in the United Kingdom lower suicide deaths there? (p. 147) How might the same principles be applied in American to reduce gun deaths?

How does the act of making someone feel like they have been seen help thwart gun violence? (pp. 149-150) How can we practice this at church?

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) now estimates that 1.7 million students are in schools with police but no counselors, 6 million students are in schools with police but no school psychologists, and 10 million students are in schools with police but no social workers. (p. 155) What is your response to these figures?

What are some measures our federal and/or state government could take to reduce the opportunity for guns to be used for violent means? What obstacles stand in their way?

On pages 186-187 the authors recap ways we can help stop a mass shooting epidemic from individual, institutional, and societal perspectives. Which of these appeal most to you? What steps will you take personally?

What are your thoughts about the book?

Where do we go from here?