

# Questions to Begin Study of *The Violence Project*

## Introduction

1. How do we talk about a topic that has the possibility of becoming political?
2. Why do we do this study at all?

## Chapter One

1. How do you imagine what mass shooters are like?
2. Many people often think of mass shooters as monsters. Any reactions? What do you think?
3. It seems as if when there is a mass shooting, the interests of people throughout the nation is very high, but that interest/concern soon wains. Why do you think that is?
4. "And the first step to solving a problem is understanding it. We must learn why mass shootings are occurring more and more frequently and figure out who exactly the mass shooters are and what their pathway to violence looks like."
  - a. How does this sound to you?
  - b. If this type of information were available to you, what difference would it make for you? If you knew the context of people's lives, knew their stories, how would that help?
  - c. How important is it for us to listen to the stories of people's lives? In what settings might we be able to have that opportunity?
5. What did you learn about the life experiences of mass shooters? How do you describe their lived experiences?
6. As you finished reading chapter one, did you have hope? Why? Why not?