



## Week 2: **THE RADICAL REFORMATION**

The Anabaptists are beginning to make more and more sense to a world that is increasingly aware of the emptiness of materialism and the ugliness of militarism. Anabaptist logic is rooted in the wisdom of the cross of Jesus, which Scripture says confounds the wisdom of this world. It seems the world is poised for a new Anabaptist movement.

~ Shane Claiborne, *Brethren In Christ* author

I am finding a growing hunger for a more authentic whole-life faith that makes a difference in the lives of others. Many are discovering their answer in the Anabaptist witness, as I did 30 years ago.

~ Tom Sine, author of *The New Conspirators*

No one may stray from the way of Christ and follow the emperor with his sword, for this way is not changed just because Caesar has become a Christian.

~ Petr Chelcicky (1390-1460)

The gospel and its adherents are not to be protected by the sword, nor should they protect themselves. True believing Christians are sheep among wolves, sheep for the slaughter. They use neither worldly sword nor war, since killing has ceased with them entirely...In time we too will see persecution come upon us.

~ Conrad Grebel (1498-1526)

The non-coercive process of admonition and reconciliation is the way to handle conflict; it is the alternative to the sword. The reason we do not use the sword is that we have this other instrument to use in the Christian community.

~ John Howard Yoder

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Thereby shall also fall away from us the diabolical weapons of violence – such as sword, armor, and the like, and all of their use to protect friends or against enemies – by virtue of the word of Christ: “you shall not resist evil”.

~ The Schleitheim Confession (1527)

**Follow me.**

~ **Jesus of Nazareth**