



We the People

EPISODE FOUR: COMMON DEFENSE

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- How do you define patriotism?
- If Joseph Pierce had known about the Chinese Exclusion Act and the prejudice he and his descendants would face as a result, do you think he still would have volunteered for military service during the Civil War? Why or why not?
- Is there a lesson to be learned from the life of Joseph Pierce that can be applied to today's discussion on immigration?
- Sergeant Alvin York used his skills in turkey hunting to achieve one of the most heroic enemy captures in military history. Has there ever been a time when you've used an everyday skill to do something extraordinary? Tell the group about your experience.
- Are heroes today different than in the days of Alvin York? Who are some people commonly recognized as heroes?
- Who are your personal heroes?
- Do you know someone who has served, or is serving in the military? Tell the group about that person's experience and how it has changed his or her life.
- What would motivate someone like Rodger Young to lay down his life for others?
- Why do you think Captain Versace was able to remain loyal to the military and his nation in spite of torture, and ultimately, death?
- What is one thing you have learned from watching this episode?