



# War and Peace

I HOPE WE HEAR SOME FIRE FROM THE PULPIT  
THIS WEEK, REV. FINK! SOME REAL

**Fire AND Brimstone!**



WE'VE BEEN  
**ATTACKED!**  
IT'S LIKE PEARL HARBOR!  
I EXPECT A LITTLE  
RIGHTEOUS INDIGNATION!  
ONWARD CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS!  
A CALL TO ARMS! RALLY THE  
TROOPS TO CRUSH THE  
HEATHEN HORDES!  
THIS MEANS  
**WAR!**



## SHARE

**your highs and lows**

Break into pairs.  
Listen carefully and  
record your partner's  
thoughts in the space  
provided. Then return  
to small group and  
share your friend's  
highs and lows.

MY HIGH THIS WEEK

MY LOW THIS WEEK

MY FRIEND'S HIGH THIS WEEK

MY FRIEND'S LOW THIS WEEK



## READ

**and highlight  
the theme verse  
in your Bible**

"Therefore, just as sin came into the world  
through one man, and death came through  
sin, and so death spread to all because  
all have sinned."

Romans 5:12



## TALK

**about how the  
Bible reading  
might relate to  
your highs  
and lows**

Choose from the options below to enrich your Talk Time. Invite group members to take turns leading one or more of the following:

## IMAGES

1. Choose either the cover photo, cartoon or painting by Dr. He Qi (back page).
2. Where are you in this work of art?
3. How might the art and the theme verse relate to each other?
4. How might the art relate to your highs and lows?

## ROLE PLAY

Assign roles and take turns acting out the following:

1. A friend says, "The Bible teaches an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." How do you answer?
2. A teacher you respect says, "It is impractical, unrealistic, unhealthy and impossible to love like Jesus. Whether on a personal or national basis, you will invite more abuse by not defending yourself." How do you respond?

## QUESTIONS TO PONDER

1. The book of Ecclesiastes tells us there is a time for war and a time for peace. How does a follower of Christ determine the difference?
2. Is war ever the answer? Under what conditions would you consider a war a "just war?" What would Jesus say?
3. When someone hurts you, how do you balance your physical need for security and the emotional desire for revenge with Christ's anti-violent words and example?

## QUOTATIONS

Choose a quotation (right column) and share your thoughts and questions about it.

*An eye for an eye makes the whole world blind.*

**Gandhi**

*If I see a madman driving a car into a group of innocent bystanders, then I can't simply wait for the catastrophe and then comfort the wounded and bury the dead. I must try to wrestle the steering wheel out of the hands of the driver.*

**Dietrich Bonhoeffer**

*You can't say that civilizations don't advance, however, for in every war they kill you in a new way.*

**Will Rogers**

*It serves them right. They only got what they deserved.*

**Nanjing Taxi Driver to Dr. He Qi, 9/12/01**



Write a definition...

**DEATH**

**GENOCIDE**

**JUST WAR**

**VENGEANCE**

**WAR**



Freedom and Peace by Dr. He Qi (www.heqigallery.com)



**PRAY**  
for one another's  
highs and lows

Gather in a circle. Praise and thank God for your highs. Ask the Holy Spirit to be with you in your lows. Pray for your friend's highs and lows and for your world. Close in Jesus' name.

**Prayers for Highs**

**Prayers for Lows**



**BLESS**  
one another

Trace the sign of the cross on one another's foreheads or palms.

**REMEMBER  
1 THING**

What does Jesus say about war and peace? The answer to this question will certainly go against the crowd and may even go against common sense.



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