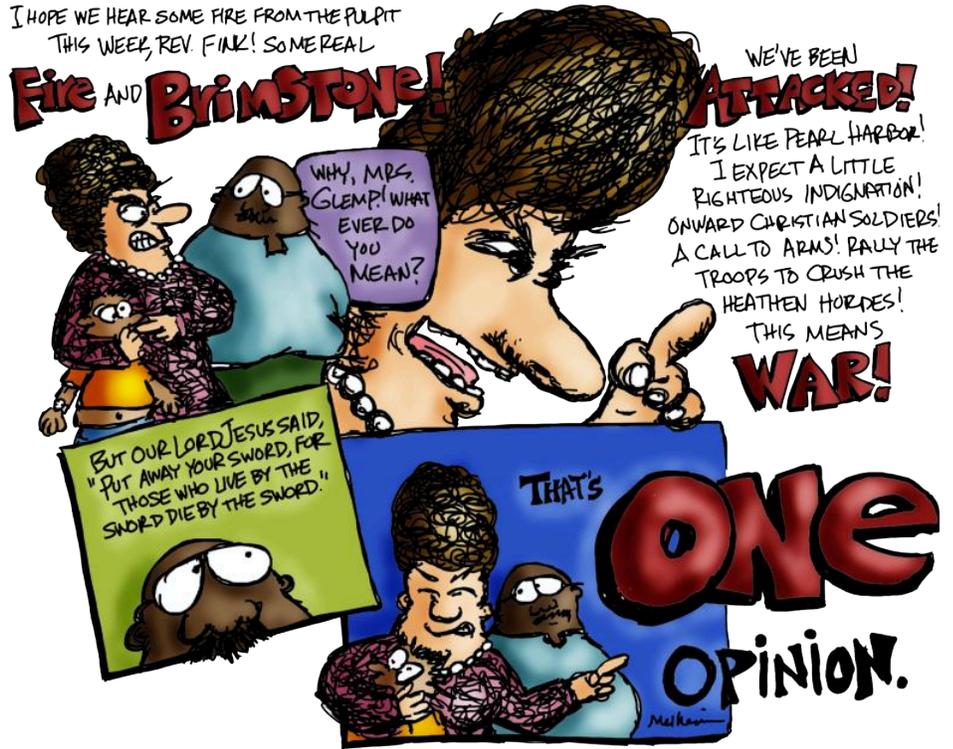


War and Peace



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



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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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