

SUNDAY MORNING TEACHING GUIDE

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We seem to live in a culture that is quick to “take up arms” when we disagree. Where does this tendency to fight come from. Christians at times will need to “fight,” but *fight for the right things in the right way.* As Jesus followers we may have to unlearn and relearn how to battle and what we battle against.

If you’re not experiencing peace, it could be because you’re fighting the wrong battles the wrong way, hoping for the wrong outcomes.



CONVERSATION STARTER

What are some of the battle you see being fought in our culture? *Who vs. who?*

Do you remember seeing/being a part of any school fights? What happens in school fights?

READ AND DISCUSS

James 4:1, John 18:36

The following passages speak to a spiritual enemy we’re battling. Explain what this battle looks like for you personally.

Do you think some people should be viewed as adversaries or enemies?

What is the *worlds’* way of fighting?

Read Romans 12:18 and 20, and Heb. 12:14. How would this scripture reshape how we engage people we feel opposed to?

How did Jesus go to war for us, who was his enemy? How did he fight?

Did God battle for his relationship with us even though we were at odds with him? Read Romans 5:10.

How does this influence how you view and treat others?

APPLICATION

How can you be in a battle *for* your enemy instead of being at war *with* your enemy?

How does the way Jesus fights, why he fights, and even what he fights for differ from you?

Before you enter into battle, remember to ask...

Would Jesus be fighting this battle? How would he be fighting and what do you think is the outcome he desires?