

Christianity and War

An American Historical Review of the Christian debate on War

Objectives

- To explore the Biblical data on the issues of Government and the waging of War.
- To become familiar with the issues debated by Christians in the run up to major conflicts in American History.
- To highlight the four major reactions in the Christian community to the issue of War.
- To become better equipped to discuss issues surrounding war and to be challenged towards Christian maturity as we interact with the Scriptures and historical perspectives.

Lessons

- Session 1: God and Government: The Power of the Sword
- Session 2: The Debate of the Revolutionary War: Theocratic Warfare
- Session 3: The Debate of the Civil War: Pacifism
- Session 4: The Debate of World War I: Conscientious Objection
- Session 5: The Debate of World War II: Just War Theory
- Session 6: God and Government: Paths to Transformation

Texts

Selected Readings from:

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