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Series: none

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Our Next War

Thinking Biblically About Battles and Bombs



1. Be _____

2. Note _____

3. Understand _____

4. Don't _____

5. Think _____

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's message. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others. This can take place with friends, your family, accountability partners, or ministry groups within the church.

1. Does your background and upbringing tend to make you be more pacifistic or militaristic when considering the prospects of war? What is it about your past that leads you to think that way?

How does an honest and comprehensive look at the Bible's teaching change the way you tend to think about war?

2. Read Romans 13:1-5. How can a responsive look at this passage change the way you view and treat police officers, military personnel and even politicians?

3. What distinctions or clarifications were made in this weekend's sermon that will prove helpful to you in thinking about war in general and our next war in particular?

4. What have you done (and can you still do) to research the issues involved in the current conflict our government is facing? Why is this important for every Christian to do?

5. Knowing the grave responsibility God has entrusted to human government, take a few minutes to write out a prayer that petitions God regarding the various governments of the world at this important time in history.

We are reading through the Bible in a year! Here is this week's schedule.

Sunday

Num.22-23 & Pr.24

Monday

Num.24-25 & Pr.25

Tuesday

Num.26-27 & Pr.26

Wednesday

Num.28-29 & Pr.27

Thursday

Num.30-31 & Pr.28

Friday

Num.32-33 & Pr.29

Saturday

Num.34-35 & Pr.30

Here are some resources to help you think through the issues of war from a biblical perspective.

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Geisler, Norman L. and Abdul Saleeb. **Answering Islam: The Crescent in the Light of the Cross**. Baker Books, 1993.
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Kelsay, John. **Islam and War: The Gulf War and Beyond: A Comparative Study in Ethics**. Westminster/JKP, 1993.
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U.S. Government. **National Security Policies** and other pertinent policies on war are available at www.whitehouse.gov.