

*This series focuses on the peace teachings of Jesus and how they can shift the ways we act and react in our everyday lives.*

## HANGOUT

1. Discuss:
  - Have you ever been in a physical fight? If so, what happened? If not, when was the last time you got into a big argument with someone? What happened?
  - Have you heard about pacifism or the peace teachings of Jesus before? If so, could you give a quick rundown? If not, what do you assume it means?

## HEAR

2. Look up and read Romans 12:17-21 together.
3. Discuss:
  - Is there a verse or an idea in this passage that strikes you? What is it and why?
  - What does this say about revenge? What about dealing with people who do you harm?
4. Look up and read Romans 13:1-10 together.
5. Discuss:
  - How would you summarize this passage?
  - Which ideas stand out to you? Do they prompt more questions?
  - How does this relate to what we read in Romans 12?
  - Who are the "authorities" in your life? (Not simply the police, but perhaps people who are in authority over you.)
  - If you re-read the first part of this passage with those authorities in mind, does it change your viewpoint? If so, how?
6. Look up and read Romans 12:1-2 together.
7. Discuss:
  - How would you summarize these verses?
  - What do you think it looks like to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice to God? Sounds weird! So, what does it mean? How do we do it in our daily lives?
  - Re-read verse 2. What would you say are the behaviours and customs of your school, online world, or elsewhere that might not be God's best for you?
  - What would it be like to transform your thinking about those things? How would that impact your life?

## HUDDLE

8. Ask if anyone has follow-up questions and discuss them together.
9. Take a minute to practise a posture of peace. Sit quietly in a relaxed manner. Simply breathe in and out. End by saying, "Amen."
10. Pray for your group, including their requests, their burdens, and the week ahead.