

## The Real War and Peace

(Acts 14:1-7)

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*The people of the city were divided . . .*  
Acts 14:4 (NIV)

### AN IMPORTANT QUESTION:

What is the purpose of missions and evangelism?

(Hint: It is NOT to tell people about Jesus)

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### A CONSISTENT PATTERN

1. \_\_\_\_\_ of the gospel (v. 1)
2. \_\_\_\_\_ of the people (v. 4)
3. \_\_\_\_\_ of the evangelist (v. 5)
4. \_\_\_\_\_ of the Kingdom (vv. 6-7)

### AN ESSENTIAL ATTITUDE

*But the Jews who refused to believe stirred up the Gentiles and poisoned their minds against the brothers. So Paul and Barnabas spent considerable time there, speaking boldly for the Lord . . .* Acts 14:2-3 (NIV)

## THE TRUTH ABOUT PEACE

### 1. What is real peace?

*“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”* John 14:27 (NIV)

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### 2. How does real peace come?

*Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.*  
Matthew 5:9 (NIV)

What is a peacemaker? \_\_\_\_\_

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*Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace on the earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword. For I have come to turn a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law—a man’s enemies will be the members of his own household.* Matthew 10:34-36 (NIV)

**TRUTH:** Real peacemakers (in the eyes of God) can look like \_\_\_\_\_ in the eyes of the world.

The example of Paul—Romans 12:18

The example of Jesus—Ephesians 2:14-17