



WAGING PEACE: Lesson Plan for a 5-part Series

Waging Peace is an original choral composition by American composer Dr Robert Kyr and features first-person accounts from the Baton Rouge community. Commissioned by the Interfaith Federation of Greater Baton Rouge, *Waging Peace* has adapted the five movements into a peace curriculum. (CDs are available from the Interfaith Federation office.)

Objectives: To inspire each participant to wage peace in his or her life
 To integrate the 5-step process of waging peace into daily practice
 To use the *Waging Peace* music, lyrics and narration as a tool to stimulate discussion, reflection, and to wage peace)

Time Frame: 50-minute class per session

Audience Small group discussions, Women’s Groups, Youth, Men’s Breakfast

Schedule:
 Session #1 Movement 1- Listen
 Session #2 Movement 2 - Understand
 Session #3 Movement 3 - Forgive
 Session #4 Movement 4 - Collaborate
 Session #5 Movement 5 - Proclaim

SUPPLIES:

- CD of *Waging Peace*
- CD player (computer with speakers)
- Handout: Overview
- Handout: Lyrics
- Pencils and Pens
- 3 x 5 cards

WEEKLY LESSON PLAN *(Same pattern each session.)*

CHECK-IN Make sure each person has:

- a copy of the lyrics and narration
- a pen or pencil
- chair and space to reflect

Remind everyone to respect the process, each other, and those who contributed their words for the lyrics.

1) LISTEN Play the assigned movement of the *Waging Peace* CD – both narration and music.
 Focus Question: What is being said by the Baton Rouge residents who created the lyrics?
 [Note: At this point, repeat the primary points. Do not interpret or expand on the lyrics and narration. Simply try to accurately listen and hear the words.]

2) UNDERSTAND Take time to read aloud the lyrics.
 Ask participants to mark key phrases and words which have meaning.
 Focus Question: What do these words say to you and where do I find yourself?
 [Note: Step 2 begins a process of internalizing and processing what has been heard.]

3) PRAY/FORGIVE Allow time for silent reflection. Listen prayerfully.
 Focus Question: As you experience this movement, what is your prayer?
 [Note: These prayers might be shared aloud or silently.]

4) COLLABORATE Make a shift from prayer to collaboration with others.
 Focus Question: What can *you* do where you are to wage peace? How might *we* collaborate?

5) PROCLAIM Pass out a 3 x 5 card to each person. Write your answer to the following question.
 Focus Question: How might you practice this 5-step process of waging peace?
 [Note: These cards can sent home with participants each week or collected as an offering.]

Go and Proclaim!