



Talking points

A debate

We are called to live 'in the virtue of that life and power that takes away the occasion of all wars'. Do you faithfully maintain our testimony that war and the preparation for war are inconsistent with the spirit of Christ? Search out whatever in your own way of life may contain the seeds of war. Stand firm in our testimony, even when others commit or prepare to commit acts of violence, yet always remember that they too are children of God.

From Advices and Queries 31



Questions to explore:

- How would the young people respond to those who think nuclear weapons are a good idea?
- How might they debate the issue with them in a constructive way?
- If they could go back in time and influence those responsible for the bombings, what might they say/do?

You could stage a debate in which half the group is for and half against nuclear weapons.

Is there any action the young people in your group would like to take in relation to these issues?