



See The War

WEEK 1 DISCUSSION GUIDE

Overview

In this message of the new series, *SpiritualEYES*, we will look at the Bible for ways we can battle spiritually against the enemy.

Discussion Questions

Though we live in a physical world, Scripture teaches there is a spiritual world where the kingdom of light wars against the kingdom of darkness. **2 Corinthians 10:3-4** says, **For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons that we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.** When Believers engage in spiritual battle, we don't fight with the weapons of this world. Instead, we engage in this war with spiritual weapons – including prayer, faith, speaking the Word, and the power of the Holy Spirit.

- Share a time where you battled the enemy using spiritual weapons.

Ephesians 6:12 says, **For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.**

- Why is it important to remember who our real enemy is?

What does the devil do?

1. He blinds the minds of unbelievers.
2 Corinthians 4:4: **Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don't believe...**
2. He steals God's Word from you.
Matthew 13:19: **"When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand it, then the wicked one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is he who received seed by the wayside."**

3. He sets traps to ensnare you.

2 Timothy 2:26: and that they may come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to do his will.

How do we battle spiritually?

Ephesians 6:10-11 says, Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

- What are the six pieces of the armor of God in **Ephesians 6:13-18**? What is the importance of each piece?
- What piece of armor protects our mind by reminding us that we are saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ?
- **Jeremiah 17:9** says that the heart is deceitful above all things. Which piece of armor protects our heart?
- Which piece of armor blocks us from the fiery darts of the enemy?
- What is our only offensive weapon in spiritual warfare?

The Word of God doesn't become the Sword of the Spirit until it's spoken out of our mouths. **Romans 10:9-10 says: that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.**

- Why is it important that we speak the Word of God outloud?
- We do not fight for victory; we fight from victory. Why is this statement true?

Life Challenge

The primary key in fighting darkness is we never battle in our own strength but in the authority of who God says we are in Christ. We fight with the truth of the Word of God. We fight with faith. We fight with the Sword of the Spirit which is the spoken Word of God. Stay restful, stay in confidence and speak the Word to the enemy just like Jesus did when He was tempted. Find the Scriptures that apply to the particular battle you are fighting and speak them outloud in faith with confidence in the authority Jesus has given you over the devil and his demon cohorts.

Prayer

Most High God, we thank You for the finished work of the cross of Jesus Christ and the authority He gave us to fight darkness. Thank You for Your Word. Thank You that we never battle in our own strength but in the authority of who You say we are in Christ. Amen. Pray for the specific needs of the group.