



Discussion Guidelines

The **Sermon Discussion** questions are designed to help facilitate the small group conversation to focus on application of God’s word based on the sermon. We live in a day where bible information is rampant yet we are having little to no impact on our culture and society. What we lack is the application of the bible information in our lives (James 1:22-25). These questions will help your small group create a context for people to share, change and grow together. Remember, there’s level ground at the foot of the cross and we have more in common with each other than we do with Jesus. Be gracious and known for your love for one-another (John 13:34-35; Galatians 6:1-2).

Sermon Discussion

➤ **Read Ephesians 6:10-20 and Review** the Sermon Outline and the main points.

Four strategies for how you can live out the Gospel and avoid becoming a casualty:

1. You better wake up to the fact that you’re not living in peacetime BUT you’re in the middle of a Spiritual War raging all around you (v12)
2. You need to realize that if you’re a Christian, you’re already enlisted BUT it’s your choice to engage in the battle every day (v10 & 13)
3. You need to recognize who your real enemy is and what his favorite strategies are (v11-12)
4. Don’t ever get over how powerless you are and how powerful God is to wage this war through you (v10 & 18)



- ***Reflect and Ruminare:*** *Of the main points given in the sermon (below), which one(s) resonated with you the most? What is your manner of life in relation to these things?*
 1. How often do you think about the fact that you are in a spiritual battle and war? What distractions are causing you to drift away from that reality?
 2. How do you prepare for the spiritual battle you face every day? Are you preparing for battle or throwing down a pop-tart on the way out the door?
 3. How do you treat your prayer life to God? Is it a wartime walkie-talkie to your Commanding General or is more of a ringing the bell to the Maître D to provide more comforts in the den?
- ***Replace:*** *Based on what you shared above, is there something God is calling you to repent of and change as a result of the sermon? (Eph 4:22-23).*
 1. One of the main strategies Satan uses is to deceive us to worship something or someone else other than God. They are usually good, God-given desires that have captured our hearts more than God like: a godly spouse, children to obey and respect me, a career that satisfies, etc. What's the good thing that's become a "god-thing" equaling a bad-thing in your life right now?
- ***Renew:*** *What practical step(s) of obedience could you implement in your life this week as it relates to the area of your life you want to change? (Eph 4:24).*
 1. As a result of the sermon, what's one practical goal you can take this week to help you prepare for and or engage in battle?
 2. What changes in your prayer life can you make to reflect a wartime mentality? *Examples:* start a prayer journal or prayer cards, read "A Praying Life" by Paul Miller
 3. If you are weary, how has your circumstances affected you from crying out to the Lord? Has your heart become numb, indifferent, hardened or is it dependent on God?
- ***Request:*** *How can the group can pray for and encourage you this week in regards to these things. (Gal 6:2; Heb 10:24-25).*
 1. How can the group help you "shoulder" this burden that's weighing heavy on you now?
- ***Remember:*** *It's easy to forget how the Gospel applies to your life. Your identity in Christ is greater than any sin committed against or by you.*
 1. How can you apply the gospel in your current circumstances and situation in life as a result of the sermon? (Galatians 2:20; 2 Cor12:9-10).