



## Bible study for the week starting September 3, 2023

### SHARE

Name the “Mt. Rushmore” (top 4) of famous swords. What makes them famous?

### READ/STUDY/DISCUSS

1. Read **Hosea 6:1-6**. God strikes down, and He binds us up; He kills and makes alive. How does this connect to the sword in the armor of God?
2. Read **Hebrews 4:11-13**. What do we learn about the Word of God in these verses?
3. Read **Matthew 10:34-39**. Jesus warns He came not to bring peace but a sword. What is He telling us?
4. Read **James 4:7**. The sword is an offensive weapon; how are we called to take on the devil?
5. Read **Acts 2:37**. Peter’s preaching had the effect of cutting the people to the heart. What does that mean, and what happened after?
6. Read **Revelation 19:15**. Who is the rider on the white horse, and what do these images signify?
7. Read **Ephesians 6:19-20**. What have you learned about the armor of God in this series? What value does Paul place on prayer?
8. Martin Luther famously said, *“To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing.”* When we pray, we’re not taking up a sword against a person, but rather against Satan on behalf of a person. How do you see this in your own life, and for whom can you be taking up arms?

### PRAY

Take up your sword for those in your life!



# THE ARMOR OF GOD

## THE SWORD

Hebrews 4:11-13

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“The sword of the **SPIRIT**, which is the **WORD** of God.”

-Ephesians 6:17

“**RESIST** the devil, and he will **FLEE** from you.”

-James 4:7

The Word of God is:

1. **LIVING** and **ACTIVE**
2. A **TWO-EDGED** Sword

“Now when they heard this they were **CUT** to the **HEART**...”

–Acts 2:37

“From his **MOUTH** comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations...”

-Revelation 19:15

“...praying at all times in the **SPIRIT**, with all prayer and supplication...that words may be given me in opening my mouth **BOLDLY**...as I ought to **SPEAK**.”

-Ephesians 6:19-20

Wielding the Sword:

1. **BELIEVE** God’s Word
2. **TEACH** it
3. **CONFESS** these truths

“To be a Christian without **PRAYER** is no more possible than to be alive without **BREATHING**.”

-Martin Luther

*For next week, read Genesis 1:1-25.*