

Sermon Notes

Big Idea: The Bible is a love story, but the setting is war. Every follower of Jesus that is not equipped to engage in spiritual warfare is likely already losing. It's time to know your enemy, know your authority, and awaken to the reality that you are feared in hell.

Ephesians 6:10-12 (ESV)

The Bible is a Love Story, but the Setting is War.

A defeated opponent can still be a dangerous opponent.

When a Church walks in authority, darkness trembles and must flee!

Matthew 16:13-20 (ESV)

The only way Hell wins, is if Heaven hides.

How a Church becomes Feared in Hell:

1) We commit to explain darkness.

Ephesians 5:8 (ESV)

2) We commit to expose darkness.

Ephesians 5:11 (ESV)

Three reasons we get “stuck” in sin patterns:

- We've yet to develop enough Christ-like Character.
- We've yet to discover where the enemy has a foothold.
- We've yet to deal with the wounds from our past.

3) We commit to expel darkness.

Ephesians 5:18 (NIV)

Discussion Questions

- 1) What impacted you the most from this week's message? Encouraged you? Challenged you?
- 2) Read Matthew 16:13-20. Why do you think Jesus took His disciples to “the Gates of Hell” in order to teach them this particular lesson?
- 3) Read Ephesians 5:8. When was darkness first explained to you, and how did you respond? How has your understanding of the truth that you are now called to be Light changed your life?
- 4) Where in your life has darkness been exposed and expelled? How about in your family?
- 5) Are there any areas in your life where you feel *stuck in sinful patterns*? Which of the three reasons listed above give you insight into your next step toward freedom?