



COMMUNITY Groups

August 6, 2023 – Sermon Discussion Questions

ICEBREAKER

1. Do highs and lows from the last week!
2. Is anybody in your group into action movies? Favorite fight or battle scene in a movie? Why?

DIG A LITTLE DEEPER

1. Review the message –
 - a. We've all probably wondered, if Jesus won the battle on the cross why is life still so hard?
 - b. We often times want life to be easier than realistic
 - c. Spiritual warfare is not about getting what we want, it's about standing firm
2. Read Ephesians 6:10-11
 - a. As you hear this passage what stands out to you? Read over it a few more times if you need to.
 - b. Paul talks about putting on the armor of God to stand against the schemes of the Devil. What do you think the schemes of the Devil are? (No right answer here, just giving people space to process!)
 - c. Talk about a season of life where you felt like you had to "stand firm." Why was it hard? What did you do to "stand firm?"
 - d. Paul encourages believers to stand strong in the lords "mighty power." How do we stand firm in someone else's (God's) power?
3. Read Ephesians 6:12
 - a. What do you think Paul means when he says our struggle is not against flesh and blood? Why does he feel the need to make that clear?
 - b. Does knowing our battle is not against flesh in blood, but rather against dark spiritual forces change how we stand firm?
4. Read Ephesians 1:1-14
 - a. In this passage Paul talks a lot about the victory Christ has won already on the cross, and the things he secured for us in that. Read this passage one more time and think about this question... How can I fight FROM a place of victory, instead of FOR victory in the spiritual battle I am in?

CLOSING

1. Are there any spiritual battles that you may be facing now? How can the group pray for you as you face that spiritual battle?
2. Pray