

DGROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE



**"Battlefield of the Mind:
Protecting the Minds &
Hearts of Our Children"**
Pastor Bryan James
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WELCOME What is something that made you laugh or smile today?

WORSHIP *"Battle Belongs"* by Phil Wickham
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qtvQNzPHn-w>

WORD [Ephesians 6:12](#), [John 16:7-8](#), [1 John 4:4-6](#), [John 17:14-15](#),
[Matthew 5:13](#), [Hosea 4:6](#)

1. What stood out to you the most in the message and why?
2. **Read Ephesians 6:12 and our Monterey Church Purpose Statement: "Establishing the authority of God in the hearts and minds of his people."**
 - What is the war we are engaged in and how have we declared war with Satan through our purpose statement?
 - What are the weapons of our warfare?
3. **Seven Mountains of Culture.** Pastor Bryan explains how the 7 Mountains were exploited by Satan. Talk through these spheres and people in power. How did Satan do this and exploit the church?
4. Pastor Bryan speaks about us being in a slow cooker. What is the meaning of this and what are examples you see in culture?
5. What is Satan's strategy for dominating the minds and hearts of God's people and those in the world?
6. **Read Jesus' words in John 16:7-8, 1 John 4:4-6, John 17:14-15.** What is Jesus saying in these Scriptures and how is he speaking to you personally through them to give wisdom and understanding and/or encouragement (courage)?
7. **Read Hosea 4:6** and this Mark Twain quote: *"It's far easier to fool people than to convince them that they have been fooled."* Summarize the #1 truth bomb Pastor Bryan stated we need to grasp. What is the simplest way we can faithfully respond today?

WITNESS Close by reading 1 Corinthians 16:13-14, "Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. Do everything in love."
Action: Pray together asking the Lord for wisdom, discernment, and courage needed to stand firm in Truth. Abide in his love for you and for humanity, so that God's love may overflow in everything you say or do.