



Title: The Big Picture of the War We're In

Main Scripture: Mark 1:12-13

The war we're in happens to everyone.
(Lk 4:1-13)

The war we're in is in two realms.

The war we're in is between two kingdoms.

The war we're in is won by Jesus.
(2 Cor 4:16-18, Rev 12:7-9, 1 Pet 5:8, 1 Jn 3:8)

The war we're in can be fought with weapons God gives us.
(Is 41:10)

Two Prayers to Help Us

Help us hear You God:

We ask for Your protection today, Lord Jesus. Protect us from the enemy who wants to keep us in the dark. We ask You to silence the lies and whispers of the enemy now. In the mighty name of Jesus Christ, we tell Satan and his followers that they have no place here. Jesus, please protect our spirit, our soul and our mind so that it will line up with what You want. Help us to hear Your voice clearly. Please get through to our hearts and change our lives with what You say. Thank You that You are the one true Lord. We pray this in Jesus' name, amen.

Help us walk with You God:

Father God, we ask that You would go in front of us and lead us now. We ask that You would protect us from the evil one. Please destroy his plans against us today God. Please fill us with Your love Lord Jesus. Guide us with Your truth; fill us with the Holy Spirit and shine the light of God through us as we choose to walk with You today. We thank You for Your words found in Romans 16:19-20 and we take it as a promise now.

Romans 16:19-20

¹⁹ *Everyone has heard about your obedience, so I rejoice because of you; but I want you to be wise about what is good, and innocent about what is evil.*

²⁰ *The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.*

Amen.

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January 7/8, 2023

The Small Group Sermon Study | Mark 1:12-13



Opening Prayer: *Father, we thank You for all you have done for us. We pray in Jesus’ name that You would work in our hearts and minds today. Holy Spirit, we invite You into this place today as we read and discuss the topics pertaining to the war that is raging in the spiritual realm. We pray you would protect our hearts and our minds as we enter into this conversation today.*

Ice Breaker:

When you think of the word “evil” what do you think of?

Read the key passages of Scripture and review the sermon notes, then answer the following questions:

1. When the topic of spiritual warfare is brought up, how does your mind and your heart react to the knowledge of what this means?
2. What are some ways in which you’ve seen evidence of evil being both spiritual and physical?
3. Discuss your understanding from this sermon on what it means for the spiritual realm to be the primary realm over the physical.
 - a. Did you know this?
 - b. How does this impact your understanding of who God is? Of who Satan is?
 - c. How do you see the spiritual aspect of humanity impacting humankind? Have you ever thought about the differences between our spirituality and our physicality while here on earth?
4. Compare and contrast the different titles of Satan and their meanings with the titles of Jesus and their meanings. What are some ways in which the titles of Jesus counteract the names of Satan?
5. What are your thoughts on the phrase, “Ever since the creation of the physical realm, people have been a central focus in this war”?
6. Pastor Craig gave some examples of ways that we can be continuing the work of Jesus today (proclaiming truth, performing deliverance and healing ministry). What can you be doing as a small group to be advancing God’s kingdom today?

Silently re-read the key Scripture(s) from the message, asking the Holy Spirit to speak to you.

1. What emotions does this passage or key theme bring up in your heart? How will you manage those emotions as you carry on through your week?
2. What do you need to surrender to Jesus? How will you respond to what Jesus is showing you?
3. What word, phrase, verse or challenge do you need to take with you this week? How will you act on what you’ve heard?

Prayer: *Spend some time praying for one another. Pray that you would each know and believe the truth about who Jesus is in your daily lives, even when outside forces may be causing you to question what you know is truth.*