



GROUP STUDY GUIDE

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 19, 2023 | ISRAEL, HAMAS AND JESUS

On Sunday, Aaron taught on the biblical context of the conflict between Israel and Hamas. He led us to look to scripture when responding to current events and remember where our true hope is found. Our team's prayer for your group is that through the scriptures below, you will be reminded that while we have a real enemy, we can live with the hope and trust found in Jesus.

WARM-UP QUESTION

As we look toward Thanksgiving, what are you most grateful for right now?

DISCUSS

Read Ephesians 6:10-12

- What does verse 10 tell us about our response to God's power? How do you practically live this way?
- God has given us armor to help us fight. What does this tell you about Him?
- What do these verses tell us about our enemy? How does this change the way you view earthly conflict?
- What are the strategies of the devil? How do we stand against them? What would it look like to stand against them in your own life?

Read Ephesians 6:13-18

- What themes do you see repeated in this passage and the one you read before it? Why do you think Paul repeated those ideas?
- Read again about each piece of the armor of God. Why is each piece important as we fight against spiritual forces? How do you use them?
- Why is prayer an important piece of fighting against a spiritual enemy? How would your life look different if this was a more consistent part of your life?
- What does it look like to be alert and persistent in your prayers? Are you alert and persistent in your prayers right now? If so, what does that look like? If not, what could help you be alert and persistent?

Read 2 Timothy 1:7

- What words stand out to you in this verse? What feelings come up as you read it?
- Why is it important that God has given us this type of spirit? What does that tell you about Him?
- Read through a couple of different translations of this verse (we suggest the NLT, ESV and CSB to start!). What do you notice that's different about the words used to describe the spirit God gives us? How does that enhance your understanding of the spirit God gives us?



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- When we memorize scripture, it helps us keep God's truth close to us! Take some time as a group to try to memorize 2 Timothy 1:7 and talk through strategies of how you can memorize it fully this week.

RESPOND

- Based on what you just discussed, what do you think God is prompting you to do in response? When will you do it?
- Pray together as a group for the specific goals or areas of struggle that came up in your discussion. Thank God for revealing more of who He is, and ask Him to help you apply what He's prompting you to do this week.

Encourage group members to read Daily Bible Reading on the church app or have it delivered to their inbox daily. Subscribe at tpcc.org/dbr. Check in with your group to share thoughts about these throughout the week!