



GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE – THIS IS WAR! - Wk 6

ARRIVAL / CONNECTING and SNACK: (15 minutes)

Spend the first 15 minutes or so of your time together catching up and socializing with one another. Follow up on prayer requests and any action steps from your last time together.

SHORT OPENING PRAYER FOR YOUR TIME TOGETHER: (2 minutes)

VIDEO: if you have access, watch the In Group Video on our website or our App (4 minutes)

SCRIPTURE and DISCUSSION: (50 minutes) Have someone read each Scripture passage slowly, then allow for some silent reflection before moving on. If you like, re-read each section of Scripture, then discuss the questions that follow.

“The one who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil’s work.” - 1 John 3:8

- Describe some characteristics of the “devil’s work” that you have experienced in your life.

“When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?” They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hell will not overcome it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” - Matthew 16:13-19

- What did Simon Peter recognize that the “people” didn’t recognize about Jesus? How did Simon Peter come to this understanding?
- How is Peter’s divinely revealed testimony, of who Jesus is, the rock/foundation of the church?
- What ways have you seen the invisible power of the Spirit of God build Christ’s church?
- How should the promise of Jesus that “the gates of Hell will not overcome” His church give confidence to individual followers of Christ?
- How does divinely revealed testimony to us (the word of God) destroy the work of the devil? (think of some contrasting Scriptures, like John 8:31-32 vs John 8:44)
- How has Christ, through His word, recently set you free in an area of your life?

SURRENDER: (10 minutes) In light of this discussion, for what would you like personal prayer?

CLOSING PRAYER: (10 minutes) Spend time praying for and encouraging one another.