

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

“Everyday Spiritual Warfare” – Pastor Chad Gilligan

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1) What is the most outrageous conspiracy theory you’ve ever heard?

Read 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 – “For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. 4 The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. 5 We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.”

2) Looking at this passage in Corinthians, how is spiritual warfare different from other difficulties we may face in daily life?

3) What “worldly weapons” would someone normally use when facing adversity?

Read Ephesians 6:10-17 – “Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. 11 Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes. 12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. 13 Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. 14 Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, 15 and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. 16 In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17 Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

4) Throughout scripture, we see various weapons to use against spiritual attacks; most of them are listed in this passage. What role has the armor of God played in your personal walk?

5) How can we apply the armor of God in our daily lives?

Read 1 Corinthians 10:13 – “No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.”

6) Why is it necessary to guard our face, mind, heart, and life?

Prayer: Take a moment to pray the armor of God over your group.