



Faith Community Church  
Beginning in Christ (Battleship, Part 2)

Faith Group Questions  
& Discussion Guide



**Opening Prayer:** Ask God to give you the courage to hear, accept, and persevere in His Word.

**Icebreaker:** Share a time when you were new at something (a job, relationship, hobby). What made the "beginning phase" challenging? What helped you grow through it?

**Key Takeaways:**

1. Satan's strategy is always centered on attacking God's Word.
2. The enemy's goal for new believers is to bring persecution and tribulation "on account of the word" to cause them to stumble.
3. God's plan is for believers to hear, accept, and persevere in the Word so they can bear fruit.
4. Solution: meditate on and memorize Scripture, hiding God's Word in our hearts.

**Discussion Questions:**

1. Did you choose to follow up with someone, guard your heart, invest in your growth, or share the gospel? Tell us about it!
2. Read Mark 4:16-17 together. Why do you think Satan's strategy consistently focuses on attacking God's Word rather than something else? (Consider the power of God's Word from Genesis 1.)
3. "Birds" in Scripture often symbolically represent demonic forces. How does understanding the spiritual warfare dimension of the Christian life change the way you view your struggles with reading or understanding the Bible? (Mark 4:4, Deut 28:15,26)
4. Satan wants to "scatter" believers—to isolate them from shepherds, community, and the Word. Have you experienced seasons where you felt isolated from Christian community? What led to the isolation? What brought you back? (Acts 2:42-47)

5. Read Psalm 119:11. What does it mean practically to "hide" or "store up" God's Word in your heart? What's the difference between just reading the Bible and truly hiding it in your heart? (Jeremiah 15:16, Colossians 3:16)

6. Read Joshua 1:8 and Psalm 1:2-3. What are the biggest obstacles that keep you from regular time in Scripture? How can this group help you overcome those obstacles?

7. Have you ever experienced a moment where Scripture suddenly "came alive" or made sense in a new way? Share that experience. (John 1:1-5)

8. Pastor Tim shared how memorized Scripture has helped him through fearful moments throughout his life. Have you had a time when a Bible verse you had memorized came back to you when you needed it most? (John 14:26)

### **Practical Applications** (Choose one out of 1-3. Everyone do #4)

1. Memorize one verse this week. Consider starting with:

2 Timothy 1:7 (NKJV) For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

Joshua 1:9 (NLT) This is My command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.

Psalm 119:11 (NIV) I have hidden Your word in my heart that I might not sin against You.

2. Establish a daily Bible reading habit. Commit to reading one chapter per day or to using the FCC App Reading Plan. Ask God to speak to you through His Word.

3. Journal your spiritual battles. When you face trials this week, write down what happened and identify if it was connected to your engagement with God's Word.

4. EVERYONE: Pair up with someone in the group to text each other one verse you're meditating on each day this week.

**Closing Prayer:** Thank God that the war for our souls has been won through Jesus Christ, and ask Him to give us victory in the daily battles we face as we grow in Him.