

Prepared for Battle

Eph 6:10-12



This guide is intended to help you be better prepared to engage in making disciples in your small group. They are based off of the Sunday sermon listed in the top right corner. If you missed Sunday, make sure you take the time to listen to the sermon before your small group meeting. You can find the messages on our website.

Prayerfully considering these questions will help equip you to practice mutual ministry with your family at Vertical. While it's not likely that all of these questions will be asked during your small group meeting, we believe that your personal walk with Christ will be strengthened as you meditate upon the truths that God is teaching you through His Word.

- 1) CS Lewis said, ***“There are two equal and opposite errors into which our race can fall about the devils. One is to disbelieve in their existence. The other is to believe, and to feel an excessive and un- healthy interest in them. They themselves are equally pleased by both errors and hail a materialist or a magician with the same delight.”*** Do you tend to see Satan everywhere or do you tend to discount him altogether, or something in between? Why? What are the dangers in those approaches?
- 2) Share some Biblical facts about the enemy that are helpful to remember as we consider spiritual battle.
- 3) How do spiritual disciplines affect your ability to do battle in spiritual warfare?
- 4) What are five schemes of the devil that were mentioned? Which one is easiest for you to slip into? What are some practical things you can do to resist it?
- 5) We've been commanded to “be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might” (Eph. 6:10). In order to find our strength in the Lord we have to be IN the Lord. Are you? Do you have a moment? Share that moment with your small group.
- 6) As believers, effectual strength is found in the Lord. Is your daily walk more reliant on your strength or the Lord's? How do we practically find strength in the Lord? Share how this looks in your life.
- 7) What does **2 Corinthians 11:14** say about Satan's disguise? In what ways is this a very practical idea to remember in your daily walk?
- 8) Spiritual warfare most often happens in the context of relationships. Is there a relationship that seems to be a bigger target than others? How does that play out? What are some steps you can take to view the situation rightly?
- 9) How can you cultivate godly sorrow and compassion over other's sin instead of anger/judgement when looking at your relationships?
- 10) Pastor Joe shared some of the schemes of the devil? Is there one from his sermon (or another not mentioned Saturday) you particularly struggle with?
- 11) Satan wants you to waver in your mission to bring God glory by making disciples. How have you done this week keeping on mission?