

Discussion Questions

LifeGroups



Date: September 12-13, 2020
Sermon Series: The Rise of the Evil Empire: The War
Sermon Title: The Rise Part 2
Sermon Text: Ephesians 6:10-13

Bottom Line

If you're a true follower of Christ you're going to be attacked by evil, but that doesn't mean you're going to be defeated!

Scripture

Ephesians 6:10-13 (NLT)

10 A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. 11 Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. 12 For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore, put on every piece of God's armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm.

Gratitude, Prayer and Accountability

What happened this past week that you are grateful for? What would you like to prayer for today? How did God work in your life since the last time we were together? What is He doing through you as it relates to your Adopt 7?

Let's Start

This week, Pastor Dale closed his message by talking about one of the best films that he had ever seen – *Hacksaw Ridge*, a film that tells the story of Desmond Doss. What is the best film that you have ever seen? What made it such a powerful experience?

Let's Talk

1. We're in our second week in a series about spiritual warfare. We're learning about our enemy and the tools in his arsenal. One of Dale's main points was that if you're a follower of Christ, you're going to be attacked by evil. But, that doesn't mean you're going to be defeated. How have you personally experienced this reality in your life?

2. In his message, Pastor Dale talked about the greater message of the book of Ephesians. What did he say chapters 1-3 deal with? What do chapters 4-6 deal with? What were the Ephesian Christians wrestling with?
3. Read Ephesians 6:10. When you think about the mighty power of God, what comes to mind? How do we remain strong in the Lord?
4. Read Ephesians 6:11. What is the armor that Paul is talking about? What are some of the strategies of the devil that you see at work in our world today? What do you think are some of the blind spots for modern Western Christians when it comes to the devil's schemes?
5. Read Ephesians 6:12-13. Pastor Dale spent a lot of time unpacking verse 12 last week. What do you remember about the evil forces that we are battling? What is significant about Paul's charge in verse 13?
6. Pastor Dale said, "A good sign that you're on God's side is when the devil picks a fight with you!" How does that make you feel? How do John 14:27 and John 16:33 relate to what Dale said?
7. Pastor Dale said that the fight may belong to God, but the battle is ours. What did he mean by that? What do Matthew 16:18 and Matthew 28:18-20 teach us about the battle that we are engaged in?

Let's Act

Let's end our time by reading Matthew 28:18-20 together. Let's pray that we might be people who would truly seek to honor God by making more disciples for Jesus Christ. That's a battle that all of us should embrace!

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