

# Discussion Questions

## LifeGroups



Date: September 26-27, 2020  
Sermon Series: The Rise of the Evil Empire: The War  
Sermon Title: The War  
Sermon Text: Ephesians 6:10-13

### Bottom Line

Every day there are devils waiting to engage you in a soul conflict. The enemy is not ultimately concerned about your body; no, he wants your soul.

There's only two realities in life:

- You're either living in the light or you living in darkness.
- You're under the influence of supernatural goodness or you're under the influence of supernatural evil!

No one lives for themselves. You may think that you are but you're not.

### Scripture

Ephesians 6:10-13 (ESV)

*10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.*

John 8:44-47 (NLT)

*44 For you are the children of your father the devil, and you love to do the evil things he does. He was a murderer from the beginning. He has always hated the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, it is consistent with his character; for he is a liar and the father of lies. 45 So when I tell the truth, you just naturally don't believe me! 46 Which of you can truthfully accuse me of sin? And since I am telling you the truth, why don't you believe me? 47 Anyone who belongs to God listens gladly to the words of God. But you don't listen because you don't belong to God."*

## 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 gave an illustration from the book, *The Pilgrim's Progress* by John Bunyan. Other than the Bible, what book has influenced you the most in your walk with Christ?

### Let's Talk

1. Throughout this series, Pastor Dale has said, "Just because you're following Jesus doesn't mean you're exempt from conflict caused by the evil one!" Have you noticed any increased conflict in your life since we began this study on spiritual warfare? How can we be praying for each other?
2. Let's read Ephesians 6:10-13 aloud together as a group. But, before we do, let's ask God to reveal something new to us in the passage this week.
3. What is God saying to you from Ephesians 6:10-13?
4. In his sermon, Pastor Dale spoke a great deal about the soul. What did you learn about our souls this week?
5. Tim Keller says that every big or little decision in this life has eternal consequences. What you and I say and do now greatly determines whether we will someday shine with the radiant glory of God or live as monsters in the life to come. Do you agree or disagree with Keller? Why or why not?
6. Read John 8:44-47. Dale said, "There are only two realities in life. You're either a child of the devil or a child of God." How does what Jesus said in these verses support this argument? How do we know that someone belongs to God?

### Let's Act

Jesus tells us that we know someone belongs to God if they listen to him. If you're not listening to God, you're listening and buying into the devil and his lies. Let's be deliberate about listening to God this week. Tell someone else what God teaches you.

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