Discussion Questions

LifeGroups



Date: November 15, 2020

Sermon Series: Overcoming Evil: The Victory Sermon Title: The Force Field of Protection

Sermon Text: Ephesians 6:16

Bottom Line

Just as the soldiers' shield served as a force field to fend off the enemies attacks during intense battles, believers in Christ have been given a shield of faith to protect them during intense times of spiritual attack.

Scripture

Ephesians 6:16(NLT)

16 In addition to all of these, hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil.

Job 1:8 (ESV)

⁸ And the Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, who fears God and turns away from evil?"

Matthew 16:24-26 (ESV)

24 Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. 25 For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. 26 For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?

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

Pastor Dale began his sermon by talking about sun burn. We've had some of the first snow of the season in the Upper Midwest this week. When you think about getting some sun, where are the places that your mind goes? Do you have some favorite tropical destinations? If you could go on an all-expense paid trip tomorrow, where would you want to go?

Let's Talk

- 1. Read Ephesians 6:16. Why is it so important for us to arm ourselves with the shield of faith? What are some of the fiery arrows of the devil that we will face in this life?
- 2. How did the first followers of Jesus face terrible persecution and suffering?
- 3. Read Job 1:8. What does this verse teach us about Job? What do you know about the rest of Job's story? Why do you suppose God allowed Job to endure so much? What does Job's life teach us?
- 4. What are some of the lessons that you have learned about God through suffering?
- 5. Read Matthew 16:24-26. What does this passage teach us about what it means to follow God? What are some of the sacrifices involve in following Jesus?
- 6. Tim Keller says, "Faith is looking! The Bible says we walk by faith, not by sight. That means we see him who is unseen. Faith is looking at God instead of at the trial. Faith is remembering God.... Faith is bringing to bear the reality of who God is on your situation, looking at God, not looking at yourself, looking at him and reminding yourself of who he is. That's the shield of faith." How have you seen God through the trials of the Coronavirus and other issues we are currently dealing with as a society?

Let's Act

Let's end our time today in a concentrated time of prayer. Let's pray that we would see God in the storms of life. Let's pray too that we would listen to who God is calling us to be.

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