

ORGANIC CONVERSATION (WHAT SPOKE TO YOU FROM THIS WEEK’S WORSHIP GATHERING?)

*Were you challenged or encouraged in any way? How?
Have you seen anything play out in your life recently?*

FROM HEAD → HEART → HANDS (MAKING IT REAL)

Paul encourages us to take up arms and fight, but too often we end up “wrestl[ing] against flesh and blood.” Satan loves to shift our focus from an eternal mindset to our temporary problems. When this happens, we typically turn the fight toward our problem’s physical face, someone we can actually see and yell at.

In what situations have you been fighting people, instead of focusing on combating “the spiritual forces of evil”? What is the darkness clouding that situation that you should be warring against?

When we clothe ourselves with God’s armor, we are able to stand in the face of evil. When we are filled with the Spirit, by the Word of God and by prayer, we are able to fight back against the enemy.

What are the chinks in your armor? That is, do you struggle with being solid in truth, righteousness, peace, faith, or salvation? Are you spending enough time in the Bible and in prayer to fight what Satan is doing in your life?

Be praying for the saints, for each other, throughout the week!

THE THREADS OF SCRIPTURE (ADDITIONAL BIBLE PASSAGES FOR STUDY/DISCUSSION)

Scripture: Read Joshua 1:1-9 (*always feel free to share with each other in response to the scripture before going on to the guide*)

Here we see God telling Joshua to be strong and courageous multiple times in short succession, as Paul told the Ephesians to stand firm the same way. God, in the midst of it, tells Joshua to follow His commands and be in the Book of the Law so that he can prosper.

Why are God’s commands so important our faith, courage, and spiritual warfare? How does not being in God’s Word and will affect our ability to stand firm? Are you frightened and dismayed or are you strong and courageous when you see God’s next steps for your life?

STEP-BY-STEP (WHAT NOW?)

While conversation is good, we want to see our lives changed by God!
What is God calling you to do in response to His Word?

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